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 Christmas party of Windy
 Club, Club Room,
 Sexual Abuse Helpline,
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 Medical Society, 7 p.m.,
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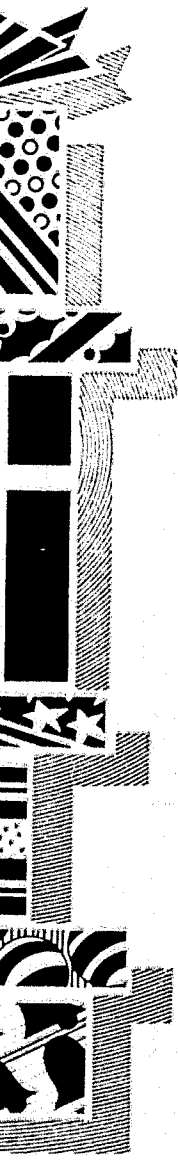
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Cost of Bethel ambulances will increase to other towns

The Bethel Board of Selectmen Monday night continued their examination of fee schedules for services provided to surrounding towns. The discussion Monday night centered on ambulance service, and the selectmen decided to sharply increase the cost of that service to outside users, specifically Newry, which accounts for 23 percent of all ambulance calls.

The selectmen contemplate increasing the fee to Newry by over \$8,000, to \$9,994. Last year Newry paid just \$1,612 for ambulance service.

According to figures presented by Town Manager Rodney Lynch (also see last week's Citizen), there were 205 calls made by Bethel ambulances during the last 12 months. Newry accounted for 47 of those calls (27 to Sunday River), while Bethel accounted for 155. The remainder were spread among Gilead, Upton, Greenwood, and the county.

Town Manager Lynch calculated that the ambulance service costs \$43,000 per year to run. This includes debt service on the new ambulance garage and maintenance on the new garage. (Previously, the school district provided

garaging for the ambulances at no charge.)

The \$43,000 also includes the addition of \$5,000 into a vehicle replacement fund. Dividing the percentage of use by each town into the total amount needed to operate the ambulances, the town manager found that the various shares should be as follows (with last year's assessment in parentheses):

- Bethel \$28,679
- Newry \$9,994 (\$1,612)
- Gilead \$1,304 (\$720)
- Upton \$652 (\$165)
- Greenwood \$435 (\$500)
- County \$2,172 (\$1,960)

The board voted 5-0 to support the fee schedule proposed by the town manager. They also authorized him to set up a meeting with the selectmen of the

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Anyone want to be a Santa Claus for W. Paris skaters?

West Paris youngsters will be going without a skating rink this winter unless someone steps forward and volunteers to set up the forms that corral the water for the skating rink.

Anyone willing and able to help set up the rink should contact the town office to find out where the forms have been stored.

Wednesday hours at the West Paris transfer station will be abbreviated next Wednesday—Christmas Day. Hours will be noon to 5 p.m.

At their meeting last week, the Board of Selectmen decided to seek quotes from various insurance agencies on liability insurance for the town's officials.

Tomorrow night (Thursday) at their regular meeting, the selectmen will hold a public hearing on the revised general assistance ordinance.

Next week, Dec. 26, they will hold a public hearing on a request for renewal of a junkyard permit for the Rte. 219 Garage.

At last week's meeting, they issued concealed weapons permit renewals to Richard Martin, Alvin Yates and Lee Farrar. They issued a new permit to Leslie Bailey.

The selectmen need all committee reports and budget requests by the end of the year.



THE WEEKEND SNOWFALL left pretty decoration in the front yard of the West Parish Congregational Church, in Bethel.

Season greeting ads again being offered

As in years past, The Citizen will again offer seasonal greeting ads to those who wish to express greetings to the community.

The ads can be for the Christmas edition or the New Year edition of the paper, or both.

Those who have used these greeting ads in the past have already been contacted by The Citizen. If you have not been contacted but would like to order a Christmas or New Year greeting, please call the newspaper office, at 824-2444 before 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20.

W. Bethel woman wins real dough from Doughboy

When Sandy Dennis, of West Bethel, opened the envelope from the Pillsbury company last week, more than free recipes dropped out of it. In fact, what dropped out was a BMW—that is, a letter telling her she had won a BMW.

This was not your typical computer-generated letter telling you you've already won a million dollars and all you have to do is fill in the entry blank and buy a subscription to "Trout Fishing in Antarctica." This was a real live letter from the Pillsbury Doughboy telling Mrs. Dennis she had really won a BMW 318i, or real dough—\$14,000.

"It was certainly a shock," Mrs. Den-

Nativity this Sunday on the Bethel Common

The annual Nativity drama will take place this Sunday, Dec. 22, on the Bethel Common.

There will be two performances—at 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Participants are reminded they should meet Saturday, 2:30 p.m. at the Moses Mason House for costumes.

nis said, "I expected to win maybe a food processor or a VCR."

Instead, she took the top prize in Pillsbury's "Green Giant Entree to Good Living Sweepstakes."

Prior to last week's good fortune, the only thing she'd ever won in her life, she said, was a \$5 gift certificate to McDonald's.

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Townhouse plan in Newry spurs move for zoning

In the wake of the announcement by a Fryeburg developer [see last week's Citizen] that his firm plans to build 300-400 townhouses along the Bear River, Newry residents began a petition drive to thwart the plan.

Veronica Smith yesterday presented Newry selectmen with two dozen signatures on a petition calling for a special town meeting. The petition asked that voters be permitted to pass judgment on any plans for mass housing along the Bear River.

The selectmen explained to the petitioners that, while they had sufficient signatures to call for a special town meeting, the article they sought to

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Woodstock tree lighting this Thursday, 6:30 p.m.

A goodly number of Woodstock Elementary School students will lend a hand in the Bryant Pond Christmas Tree lighting festivity scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 19, at 6:30 p.m.

This event, sponsored by the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce, will take place at the Bryant Pond Common, next to the post office, and will feature an interesting variety of tree decorations created by the Woodstock pupils.

Plans call for chamber members to string the lights, after which a contingent from the school will complete the job by hanging the ornaments.

On the evening of the program, Santa will be on hand to talk with many of his young friends and distribute some tasty surprises donated by the Bryant Pond Village Store. Four local musicians will also be present to lead the crowd in carols.

CLOSING EARLY DEC. 24

Bethel Town Office will close at 12 noon the day before Christmas and also on New Year's Eve.

Bethel Savings Bank will have a closing time of 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 24.

The schools of SAD #44 will start their vacation Friday afternoon, Dec. 20, with classes resuming Thursday, Jan. 2.

HOLIDAY HOURS AT LANDFILL

There will be special holiday hours at the Bethel landfill. The dump will be closed Wednesday, Dec. 25 and Jan. 1. But it will be open Thursdays, Dec. 26 and Jan. 2.

The Thursday hours will be noon to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday hours will be unchanged.

GAME PARTY

Legion Hall - Locke Mills
 Every Friday - 7:00 p.m.
 "Sealed Tickets"

JACKSON-SILVER POST

Post Meetings
 1st & 3rd Thursdays 6:00 p.m.

BETHEL AREA HEALTH CENTER 824-2193

Monday — Friday:
 8 a.m.-12 p.m., 1-5 p.m.
 Monday until 8 p.m.
 Saturday 8 a.m.-12 p.m.
 Appointments necessary except in emergency

In case of emergency nights, weekends, and holidays call 824-2193 to reach our provider through our answering service.

Charlie's Place 824-2732

Beautiful Downtown Bethel
 10-9 Daily 11-9 Sunday
 DAILY SPECIALS
 To Save You Money
 A variety of sandwiches entice your palate
 Our pizzas come in two sizes and we have thick dough and our regular dough pizza for a real variety.

Special 'Citizen' deadlines for holiday issues

Advertisers and others preparing material for publication in the Christmas and/or New Year's issues of The Bethel Citizen are reminded that special deadlines will be in effect.

The display advertising deadline for the Christmas issue of The Citizen is 12 noon, and the classified deadline is 5 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 20. The publication date will be Tuesday, Dec. 24.

The display advertising deadline for the New Year's issue of The Citizen is 12 noon, and the classified deadline is 5 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 27. The publication date will be Tuesday, Dec. 31.

The early submission of material for publication in The Citizen is always appreciated.

THE JUNQUE SHOP

Bryant Pond
 antiques, books, gifts

Salanders & Sons masonry

BETHEL, MAINE
 665-2732 875-3717

Bethel Area Health Center HOLIDAY HOURS

Health Center will be
 Closed at noon December 24.
 Closed December 25.
 Open December 26.
 Health Center will be
 open till 5 p.m. Dec. 31.
 Closed January 1.
 Open January 2.
 In emergency call 824-2193

COUPON

Eggs So Fresh.
 They are laid tomorrow!
 3 1/2 doz. jumbo, \$2.99
 That's only 90¢ doz.
 Good until December 26

Closed Christmas Day
 Sunflower Seeds, 25 lb. bag
 \$7.34 plus tax
 Wild Bird Seed, 25 lb. bag
 \$4.88 plus tax
 10 lb. Baker Potatoes, \$1.25
 AT THE FARM
 Mon. thru Sat., 9 to 5
 We now accept food stamps

Roberts
 Poultry Farm
 RTE. 2 RUMFORD ROAD
 COUPON

Linda's Country Flair
 836-3929
 Mon.-Sat. 8-5
 Evenings by appointment
 Closed Wednesday

Olson's General Repair
 Middle Intervale Rd., Bethel
 is now a dealer for
 American
 Woodsplitters
 824-2970

Flowers for holiday
 giving or to brighten
 your home.
 • Christmas plants
 • arrangements
 • cut flowers
 Call soon. 824-2063
 Coburn's Flower Shop
 Paradise St., Bethel

Santa!
 XC Skis
 Ski accessories
 Trail passes
 Lesson certificates
 Sunday River Ski
 Touring Center
 located at Sunday River Inn
 824-2410
 The trails are now open!!!

The Pizza Place 875-3686

Mon. - Sat. 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.
 Sunday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
 Serving breakfast every day till 2 p.m.
 Pizzas • Fresh dough & regular
 ALL DAY
 Lunch specials
 Located in The Locke Mills Marketplace
 Rte. 26, Locke Mills

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 Plumbing
 Repairs,
 New Installations
 -Free Estimates-
 Bethel, Maine 875-5828

Judy H. Shedd, D.O.
 Mason Street, Bethel
 Office Hours
 Monday - Afternoon
 Tuesday - All Day
 Thursday - All Day
 Friday - Morning
 Other times by appointment
 Tel. 824-3366

New Year's Eve
 DANCE
 Locke Mills Legion Hall, 9 to 1
 Tickets, \$20, couples only
 BAND:
 IN THE MOOD
 Catered. Must be 21 yrs. of age.
 Dress code: clean. B.Y.O.B.
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 836-2490 • 836-3692
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 CALL 824-2113
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 Dermatologist
 Fellow of the American Academy
 of Dermatology announces the
 opening of his office limited to the
 practice of Dermatology and
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 St. Luke Medical Center, P.A., in
 Berlin, N.H.
 By appointment only.
 603-752-7750

COOLIDGE
 BROS.
 25 lb. Sunflower
 \$6.95
 50 lb. Sunflower
 \$12.95
 Hays • Feeds
 Bird Food
 N.W. Bethel Rd. 824-2701
 Mon-Fri 4:30-9; Sat-Sun 7-5

Ken's Inventory Sale
 30% OFF EVERYTHING
 Pay is gone and Ken doesn't want to count inventory.
 Come shop at Frieden Dorf and save Ken the work.
 Open daily 9-5 till Christmas
 9-5 Fri., Sat., Sun. all winter
 Frieden Dorf
 distinctive creations
 Main St., Bryant Pond, 665-2506

Light up Christmas with gifts of candles
 Quality candles • discount prices
 Free gift wrapping
 The Candle Place
 Lakeside Drive, Bryant Pond, Me.
 (off Rte. 26 at Ballfield)
 Tel. 665-2703 Open Sat. & Sun. 1-8pm
 Phil & Martha Farrington, Prop.

25% off
 everything
 (some items 30-50%)
 Now until Christmas
 Young Generation
 "Fashions for tots to teens"
 Congress Street Mall, Rumford, 369-9392
 Open daily 9-9, Sunday 12-5 until Christmas



Opinions

Wonderwoman at work

If you attended one of the grade schools' Christmas concerts in Andover, Bethel or Woodstock last week or this week, you saw what can be done with little time but much dedication and patience.

What you saw was not the Vienna Boys Choir on stage, but a bunch of young children trained to sing and perform on very short notice. The audiences loved it. And, more importantly, so did the kids. They loved getting dressed up and performing for adults. And they had the courage to do so because they were with their classmates.

By performing in the concert, they learned a number of valuable lessons: how to work together, how to discipline themselves, how to follow direction, and how to perform under pressure in front of an audience.

The woman who taught them all of this—in just two weeks—is SAD #44's Liz Mikenas, the district music teacher. How she manages to put on these productions is anybody's guess. Our own guess is she relies on her professional training, her vast amount of energy, and her genuine concern for the children of the district.

The district is fortunate in having a large number of superior teachers. But Liz Mikenas and district-wide phys ed teacher Reyne Cote have uniquely difficult jobs in that they have to deal with every grade-school child in the district, instead of just children of one class or one school. Both of these young women are wonderwomen of sorts, able to hurdle any kind of obstacles at a single bound, able to control large numbers of kids at once—and to teach them basic skills. The district is very fortunate to have them. (While Ms. Cote did not have anything to do with the concerts, she was there anyway, enjoying the evening, and taking photos of her students.) bfw



Music Teacher Liz Mikenas

A note from the publisher

It's not just Rodney Dangerfield who doesn't get any respect. Consider the car salesperson. According to a poll conducted by the Roper organization for U.S. News & World Report, car salespeople ranked at the bottom of the barrel in terms of honesty and ethical standards.

The poll asked 1,000 people nationwide a number of questions on morality. One of the questions asked them to rate the honesty and ethical standards of people in 17 lines of work. Only 6 percent of those polled ranked car salespeople as having high or very high ethical standards.

At the very top of the morality list was the clergy. Of the 1,000 people interviewed, 57 percent said the clergy had high or very high ethical standards. Only 30 percent considered the clergy's standards about the same as everyone else's, and only 5 percent considered the clergy had low or very low ethical standards. (Whereas 54 percent considered car salespeople had low or very low ethical standards.)

But what caught my eye was the different rankings given to TV reporters and print reporters (that is, newspaper and magazine reporters). TV reporters ranked a strong 36 percent for high or very high ethical standards—just below police, with 37 percent. Newspaper and magazine reporters, on the other hand, were down at a 27 percent level for high or very high ethical standards.

Granted, this was far better than lawyers (19 percent), business executives (18 percent), or labor union leaders (13 percent), but it was a painful thing to read for this newspaper reporter.

And that's because I think journalists who report in print generally have a tougher job to do and do it more thoroughly than their TV counterparts.

Don't get me wrong: I watch TV news, the same as most other people, because TV news has an immediacy that the written word and the printed photo cannot capture. At a train wreck, an earthquake, a house fire, a war, only TV gives us the sights and sounds of the action.

But TV has a tough time explaining a story in depth. If a TV reporter tries to rattle off details of a town, state, or federal budget, or various complex views on numerous sides of an issue, the words will have no impact. If the reporter puts the stock market was up so many points while bonds were down so many points, the dollar down by so many fractions, etc., etc., the words simply float on the air.

That's why for complex issues, producers of TV newscasts will resort to graphics and written tables. In other words, they become print reporters. Even so, there is no way to handle a complex issue on TV without putting the viewer to sleep. Take for example the recently concluded strike at Bath Iron Works. Night after night we were treated to a shot of a union spokesman saying the company was being unreasonable and then a shot of a company spokesman saying the union was being unreasonable. The issues were too complex for TV to deal with.

Newspapers and magazines regularly tackle complex issues, and possibly it's because the issues are complex that the facts of a story will tend to blur and not provide easy truths for the reader to grasp.

I suppose it's because TV coverage is so cut and dried—here is the criminal being arrested; here is the car wreck; here is a person who says he can't get by on his social security—that viewers give the TV reporter more credibility than they give the newspaper reporter.

As for me, when I'm in the market for serious news reporting, as opposed to news as entertainment, I'll stick with the newspapers and magazines.

(My injured professional pride was soothed somewhat when I noticed a magazine article about a Dutch print journalist who was recently beatified by Pope John Paul II. The Pope declared priest/journalist Titus Brandsma a blessed martyr. Father Brandsma was born in 1881 and fought for freedom of the press during the German occupation of the Netherlands in World War II. He was sent to Dachau concentration camp for his journalistic activities and was killed by lethal injection in 1942.)

Oh, as for the rest of the 17 professions, here are some others: Medical doctors and engineers got ratings of 48 percent and 45 percent, respectively, for having high or very high ethical standards (following the clergy, which, as noted above, had a rating of 57 percent). Interestingly, local political officeholders received a rating of 17 percent, but members of Congress got only 14 percent, and state politicians were down next to car salespeople, at 12 percent.

The complete survey can be found in U.S. News & World Report, Dec. 9 issue.

It's time to plan for growth

At the recent Governor's Conference on Tourism, held at Carrabassett Valley, speaker after speaker extolled the benefits to the state of tourism—a relatively clean industry that pays high returns for each dollar invested.

We were particularly intrigued by what Carrabassett Valley's town manager had to say. He pointed out that the town's valuation in 1971 (when it became a town) was \$3.6 million. Currently the valuation has risen to \$8 million. "It is all associated with Sugarloaf Mountain, of course," he said.

Here in the Bethel area, a boom is also underway. And, as with Carrabassett Valley, the spur towards development is tourism. Both local skiways are expanding rapidly, and the Bethel Inn is seeking to fill in the slack tourism seasons by booking conventions into its new conference center.

In last week's issue, The Citizen had a story about a planned subdivision that could contain 400 townhouses, and a story about problems in sharing the costs for services involved with the new developments. In coming weeks we will have more articles on the local economic boom.

The question to be asked when confronting the facts in these stories is: how can we control this growth so that it doesn't control us. The time for careful planning is now.

We can't discuss tourism without commenting on the controversy surrounding the state's tourism division's radio ads in the Boston area making disparaging remarks about the crowding at New Hampshire ski slopes. We think there are enough positive things to say about the friendly atmosphere, uncrowded conditions and good snow at Maine's ski area without resorting to negative comments about our neighbor's slopes. bfw

Human services conference at Telstar March 22

Lorna Pendleton, of Child Abuse and Neglect Council, and Connie Allen, representing Oxford County Community Services, will serve as co-chairman of the Oxford County Conference IV, which will be held on Saturday, March 22 at Telstar Regional High School.

The planning committee met recently at the conference room of the Oxford County jail, where the format for the conference workshops and the theme of the conference were discussed. Several possible titles for the theme were suggested, particularly referring to the economy of Oxford County and the answers to people's needs.

John Grassi, of Mountain Valley Training, explained that there was a lack of job training in Oxford County, which pertains to the economic growth and development in the county.

Some of the topics for the many workshops that will be held at the conference were reviewed, including mention of alcohol and child abuses; the needs of single parents; housing problems; tenants' rights, and humanities.

It was decided that there should be at least seven workshops for the morning and afternoon sessions. The committee members felt that workshops dealing with the problems that the people of Oxford County are facing should be held in the morning. In the afternoon sessions the alternatives and answers to some of these problems could be discussed.

Special funding for the Oxford County Conference has been lacking, and it was suggested that more state agencies could be invited to become active. It was also mentioned that the keynote speaker should be a representative of some state agency or possibly linked between government and church.

Pre-conference and follow-up meetings pertaining to the conference were discussed, but no final decisions were made.

Former conference chairman, Cathy Newell, conducted the committee's meeting, but will not be available in the future due to her change in employment. Others attending were: Lorna Pendleton, Nancy Taylor, Judy Green, Oxford Hills Adult Education; John Grassi, Mountain Valley Training; Richard Pollack, Tri-County Mental Health, and Anna Henderson, representing Oxford County Municipal Officers' Association.

The next planning meeting will be at the jail, on Jan. 6, at 9:30 a.m. The plans for the conference will be finalized at this meeting and information for the brochure for the conference will be made ready at that time.

Call your nearest Energy Extension Service Agent to learn how you can save energy and money this winter. Agents are located in Augusta, Bangor, Lewiston, Portland, and Presque Isle and are listed in the phone book in the "Maine Helpline" section.

Maine complies with 55 mph guideline, barely

Maine will meet the federal requirements for compliance with the 55 mph national speed limit for fiscal year 1985, according to Dana Connors, commissioner of the Maine Department of Transportation.

"Our final figures show that only 49.7 percent of the drivers on Maine's 55-mile-per-hour highways exceeded that speed under the federal formula," Commissioner Connors said. Maine transportation and public safety officials had been worried that federal transportation funds could be lost if more than 50 percent of the drivers on Maine's highways exceeded the federally mandated 55 mph limit.

"An examination of preliminary figures led us to believe we might exceed the 50 percent level this year," Mr. Connors noted. "However, the federal regulations that govern 55 mph compliance require certain analysis of those figures before a final compliance figure is determined." In fact, state officials are given two different statistical methods to use in calculating the final percentage.

"Using the simple method, Maine was not in compliance. Our simplified figure was in the neighborhood of 51 percent," Connors explained. "When we applied the more sophisticated method to our raw data (however), we reached the 49.7 percent compliance figure."

Federal officials still must OK the data submitted by the state, but Mr. Connors said he anticipates no problems. "While the 49.7 is dangerously close to the 50th percentile, which could subject us to federal funding penalties, I am gratified to see the statistics reflect the additional effort placed upon enforcement of the 55 mph limit by the Department of Public Safety," Mr. Connors said.

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Bethel Oil Co. sells heating oil business

Ruel and Maureen Swain, owners of the Bethel Oil Co., Inc., announced last week the sale of the heating oil portion of the business to Fred Enman, of North Waterford, and Dan Connell, of Bethel. The Swains will retain the bottled gas portion of the business.

Both Mr. Enman and Mr. Connell had been working for an oil company in the Norway/South Paris area. Mr. Enman holds a master oil burnerman's license and has been certified as a state plumbing inspector. Mr. Connell, who recently moved to Bethel from South Paris, has an oil burnerman's license, a master solid fuel license, and is a licensed plumber. The two will be doing business as ENCON Oil Co.

Customers who had been serviced by Bethel Oil Co. will automatically be transferred over to the new company, the Swains said. Customers receiving heating assistance will have their assistance also transferred automatically.

If customers have any questions, they should call 824-3144 during the day, or 824-2394 or 583-4850 at night or weekends. This May, the Bethel Oil Company will be celebrating its 25th anniversary.

Prim's Bethel's Christmas Store

Just some of our super specials:

All Fragrances 15% off

Sunglasses 20% off

50% with coupon!

Duracell Batteries \$1.49

...AND Super Savings on many electronic appliances including:

PANASONIC #JE357U Calculator Sugg. Retail \$8.95 \$3.49

#RC6075 Clock Radio Sugg. Retail \$34.95 \$16.95

#RX1220 AM/FM Radio Sugg. Retail \$49.95 \$27.95

From decorations & gift wrap to toys and games, from candy & perfume to great gifts & film, Prim's is more prepared than ever to be Bethel's Christmas store.

Prim's
Upper Main Street, Bethel
824-2820

Monday thru Thursday... 8:30 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Friday & Saturday... 8:30 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Sunday... 8:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.

PHARMACY HOURS
Monday thru Friday 9-12, 1-6
Saturday 2-6

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Deadline for town news items is Saturday noon. Deadline for ads is Monday 5 p.m.

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neighboring towns to discuss equitable fees for services provided by Bethel. Those services, in addition to ambulance service, are the fire department and the landfill.

The selectmen also adopted new procedures to deal with requests for concealed weapons permits. In the past, the selectmen have placed the names of applicants on the agenda and voted openly on granting permits. When deemed necessary, discussions were held in executive session.

Under the new procedures adopted on a 5-0 vote, the selectmen will no longer list the names of applicants on the agenda, and voting may be dispensed with. All discussion will be in executive session. "After the close of the executive session, the board may vote on, or state, in open session, the permits that will be issued."

The pertinent state statute reads: "All proceedings relating to the grant, denial or revocation of permits are not public proceedings."

Town Manager Lynch, in recommending the subsequently approved procedure, told the board the attorney for the Maine Municipal Association suggested holding separate meetings on gun permit applications, since there is no stated provision for holding them in executive session. "He said you could do it any time you want and the public wouldn't have to know."

Mr. Lynch said this expedient would be unattractive because of local sensitivity to officials holding unscheduled meetings.

Mr. Lynch added, "Whether we can go into executive session or not is still a gray area of the law... It's a very politically hot issue."

Selectman Pat Doen said the executive session was necessary to protect the rights of individuals. "If the applicant is turned down, you're violating his right to privacy... if it's at a public meeting."

The discussion came about because two weeks ago The Citizen protested to the district attorney the use of an executive session to discuss a particular gun permit application. The district attorney, in his reply, stated that although discussion of concealed weapons permits is not one of the matters authorized under the so-called open meeting law, the entire question of gun permits is exempted from the constraints of the open meeting law. He ruled that the selectmen "acted properly" in closing the deliberation to the public.

In adopting the new procedures, the Bethel selectmen are following the procedures used by such towns as Harrison, Poland, Dixfield, Rumford and Norway, the town manager noted.

Chairman Arlan Jodrey noted a quirk in having selectmen issue permits at all. "The permits are recognized statewide, but they're issued by local authorities, who don't have jurisdiction statewide."

At the end of the regular agenda, the selectmen voted 5-0 to go into executive session to discuss two concealed weapons permit applications.

The town manager reported that Wendall Sweetser is plowing the sidewalks of the village, on a contractual basis.

He also reported that, with 42 percent of the fiscal year completed, the amount of the total budget spent is 40 percent.

The town office will observe holiday hours, as follows: the office will close at noon on Tuesday, Dec. 24, and Tuesday, Dec. 31. The town office will re-open on Thursday of both holiday weeks.

CARD OF THANKS

We would like to thank everyone for our lovely 40th anniversary party, cake, gifts, and money, and especially our sons and our dear daughters-in-law for all their hard work and to all our families and friends for all their best wishes.
George and Bette Gilbert



Jennifer Hutchins



Karen Gould



Delwin Wilson



Lisa Jordan

Students-of-the-month announced at Telstar

The National Honor Society at Telstar Regional High School announced the following students of the month for the month of November: Jennifer Hutchins, of Andover, was selected as November's Freshman of the Month. She was nominated by her French I instructor for her effort and positive attitude, which shows in class discussions as well as in her being well-prepared for class and her daily work. This instructor described her as a good, conscientious student.

November's Sophomore-of-the-Month is Delwin Wilson, of Bethel, who was nominated by his College Prep biology instructor for being "at the top of an excellent group of students." His tests and lab work have been excellent, and he is always well-prepared for class. He participates in class discussions and he produced an outstanding project last quarter.

The Junior-of-the-Month is Karen Gould, of Bethel. She was nominated by both her French III instructor and her Native American mini-course instructor. In French she has shown "obvious improvement" since the beginning of the school year and has scored consistently higher on her tests and quizzes. In Native American, she has done excellent work on her homework assignments and extra readings, which has resulted in her achieving a high grade on a unit exam.

Lisa Jordan, of Locke Mills, was selected as November's Senior-of-the-Month. She was nominated by her Native American mini-course instructor for excellent homework, classwork and work on her assignments sheet along with reaching a very high test score average. The following students were also nominated for Student-of-the-Month and should be commended for their hard work.

- Freshmen: Nathan Bean, Michelle Weeks;
- Sophomores: Jason Adams, Matt Waisanen, Diana Moxcey, Chris Hanscom;
- Juniors: James Tuttle, Sarah Chapman, Chris Craig, Dan Cross;
- Seniors: Kim Monzo, Crystal Haskell, Marsha Moxcey.

Federal judge overturns income tax conviction of Harrison doctor and wife

A federal judge in Portland earlier this week overturned the conviction of a Harrison couple on charges of income tax evasion.

Dr. Albert H. Rothrock and his wife Vivian were found guilty by a jury of understating their income by \$180,000 from 1979 to 1982. But Judge David S. Porter, who had presided over the original trial, ruled that the prosecution failed to show that the couple signed the income tax returns knowing them to be false.

He ruled that, in fact, the couple had given all necessary records to the person

Woodstock town office to observe holiday hours

Due to the upcoming holidays, the Woodstock town office will be open Sunday evening, Dec. 22, 7-9 p.m., and on Monday evening, Dec. 30, 7-9 p.m.

The selectmen will be meeting at those times instead of their usual Tuesday night meetings.

Andover plowing with borrowed private trucks

The saga of Andover's missing truck continues. Purchased in September with delivery promised in October, the new plow truck is still in Skowhegan being fitted with a plow.

Many delivery dates have been promised by the dealer, and all have slid by. "Now, who knows," conceded Selectman Jane Rich.

Adding to the town's plowing problems is the fact that the 1700C truck has developed transmission problems and is in for repairs.

In order to fight the two recent snowstorms, the town has had to rent two private trucks, Mrs. Rich said.

At their meeting last night (Tuesday), the selectmen met with a representative of the Dead River Oil Co. and straightened out a billing problem, which the oil man said was a slip-up on the part of the company.

The selectmen also received, with regret, the resignation of Fire Chief Kerry Merrill, effective March 8—the date of town meeting. Mrs. Rich said the chief was just tired of the job and wanted a rest.

She said anyone wanting to run for the office should pick up nomination papers at the town office. The papers must be returned by Jan. 15.

Meeting with the Budget Committee, the town officials approved the following budgets for the warrant:

- \$23,000 for general municipal expenses. This is the same amount as in the current budget.
- \$7,500 for street lights. This is up \$500 from the current year.
- \$100 for the Planning Board.
- \$100 for the Land Advisory Committee.
- \$14,100 for the Fire Department, broken down as follows: \$10,000 for the regular Fire Department budget, \$1,000 for EMT's, \$1,500 for a new furnace for the East Andover fire station, \$1,500 for pocket papers, and \$100 for civil emergency preparedness. The total is \$1,400 less than in the current budget.
- \$250 for the dog officer.
- \$1,000 for tree removal at the cemetery.
- \$2,000 for the Cemetery Commission, to be taken from trust funds.

The final Budget Committee meeting on the budget items for the warrant will be Jan. 14, 1986.

Mrs. Rich said two bids had been received for printing the town report: from Smith & Towne, in Berlin, N.H., and from Citizien Press, in Bethel. She said the Smith & Towne bid was \$35 lower and would be accepted.

who prepared their tax forms and the tax forms could have been filled out correctly. However, the judge said, the couple should have examined their returns more carefully before signing them.

The Rothrocks underpaid the government \$78,000 over the four years in question.



NOVA STUDENTS Matthew Cushman and Richard Wright present to Senior Class Co-Presidents Penny York and Sarah Buckman a certificate for a utility trailer. The students, under the direction of metal trades instructor Dave Thompson, left, will manufacture the trailer, which the senior class will then raffle off to raise funds for Project Graduation.

LOCAL WOMAN'S HOBBY

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Then what made her so sure she would win a prize in the Green Giant Sweepstakes? Because she relies on a listing of all the sweepstakes contests going on in the country, she said. She subscribes to a contest newsletter out of Fernandina Beach, Fla. "I pick out the ones that interest me and send in entries," she explained. She stays away from contests where the prize is likely to require an outlay of cash, such as a free cruise, which would require getting to the port, paying for expenses in the towns visited, etc.

For the Pillsbury sweepstakes, she sent in a total of eight entries at various times throughout the summer, prior to the September deadline.

On Nov. 12 she received a letter from the contest judges asking her to verify that she was not related to anyone involved in the contest or in Pillsbury.

And then Dec. 9 came the letter from the Doughboy himself telling her she had won all that dough.

Of course, she could have taken the car. But, she figured, "The 318i wasn't being sold in this country, and the only place you could get it serviced was in Augusta."

So she opted for the money. "Now I just have to wait for the check," she said.

And what will she and husband Scott do with \$14,000? "First of all we're going to pay off a few loans (on home repairs), and then hopefully finish off the house." The bulk of the money will be put in the bank, she promised. "We're not going to splurge right off."

The Dennises have two children, Andy, 7, and Erin, 3. Sandy Dennis is the bookkeeper for Kendall Dowel Mill, while Scott Dennis is an insurance agent with Kendall Insurance Co. Husband Scott is beginning to enter sweepstakes contests, Mrs. Dennis confided.

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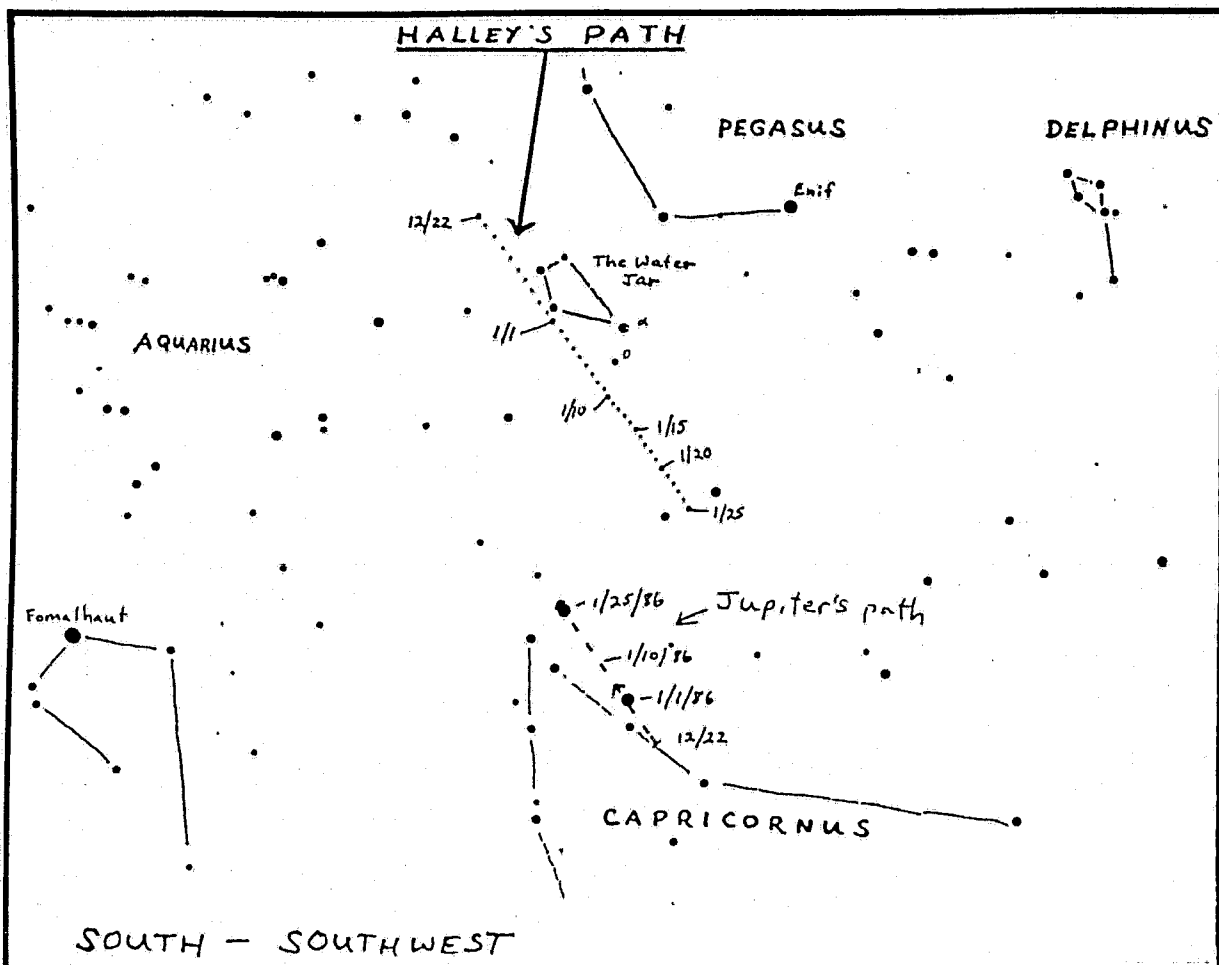
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Greenwood City

By COLISTA MORGAN

It was made plain to me this P.M. when I came home from walking, how early the sun sinks from sight. The date was Dec. 11 and behind Patch Mountain the sun was most down. I looked at the clock. It was 3:20.

I had started out an hour earlier to go up the Bulldozer Road fully intending to go to the farm fields. But instead, when part way up I turned to the right. I wanted to find our spring from that direction. So in a tapestry of frost and light snow I entered the woods. Pinks and blues caught my attention, as I moved in the sunlight. In places it was a spread-out pattern of green, edged in white lace. The trail by the side of the road was dazzling artistry, as pretty as I had ever seen. It was etched and embroidered in glistens and glints of snow-like crocheting, made in pale toned shadows. I paused to look and believe. I had seen diamonds, sunshine and snow many times, but never a more finished design than here.

I walked a woodland half circle toward the spring.

Animal tracks were everywhere: gray squirrels, mice, deer, foxes, and one lone rabbit, where there should have been many.

It was dead-quiet and windless, the hum of silence. Ever listen to it? It is the singing in the ears and caused by the circulation of the blood or by its pressure. One who is used it doesn't notice.

I saw a red squirrel eating a cone like corn on the cob. How was perched on a limb near a worm eaten birch that looked as if it wore clouds in its hair.

There was a call from a jay and in the far distance a tom-tom call of a woodpecker.

I was far up the hill now. The whole countryside was a green-white, beautiful, peaceful, and happy picture.

Over fallen branches and around rocks I continued my way. I began to wonder

if I could find the spring which would be covered with leaves and a dusting of white. How different things look in winter! I knew there was a large oak beyond it. So I looked for that, still wearing many of its leaves. Beneath my feet the earth became soggy, so I knew I was there. Of course I did not remove its cover but I had accomplished what I had set out to do.

Now, I followed south hoping to cross the Spring Road and follow it home. There was a sense of challenge because of change. I didn't find it even when I crossed it for it didn't appear open enough. So I continued and soon found that I had missed it entirely. I was down over the hill by the ledges which meant that I must climb back. I did and came out at the top of Fox Hill where I could see my house. In a short time I was in my dooryard and saw the last rays of the sun reaching the top of Patch. I knew the day was turning to night. It had the fascination of a blank piece of paper on which something was to be written. What?

Some of Doris Hayes' family were home on Saturday and had dinner with her. On Tuesday her two sisters and a niece met her in Norway to take her to dinner as it was her birthday. Her age? Never mind; she is young at heart. Dorothy Curtis has been ill but is better.

I enjoyed open house at the Citizen office on Friday.

On Wednesday I attended the supper and Christmas tree for Delta Kappa Gamma in Norway. I went with Lettie Brooks and Dorothy Ross.

Cathy Parsons, Norway, called on me on Thursday and we visited Zilpha DiArenzo.

Rena Curtis was in Brunswick this week to see her sister, Ruth Collins, who is ill. On Tuesday evening she and Fred had supper with their son, Albert, and family in Buckfield.

Christmas is very near so I wish a happy and healthy one to all my friends and readers of *The Citizen*.

Gilead

By LOUISE LORING

As the candles glow and clumps of snow pile high upon the fir trees, standing in the yard, bedecked in multi-colored lights, they light the way home for weary guests, who have traveled great distances, to seek the love of family during the Yuletide Season.

So it was centuries ago as the Star over Bethlehem, guided the poor shepherds, and the wise men, to that tiny little stable, where upon entering they found the peace, the glory and the never-ending love, which penetrated their very souls, as they gazed upon the tiny infant, wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying upon the manger.

As this Christmas season draws upon us, and as we travel great distances to meet with our own loved ones, open the manger of your heart, and let all the warmth, the light, the glory, and the great peace of the Savior, live again within each one of us, as we commemorate His birth.

Peace and God bless.

George MacArthur, Rose Taylor and Mary Cole attended a Senior Citizens dinner and Christmas tree at the Bethel Inn, last Wednesday evening.

Mary Tyler is expected to be home from her work in Concord, N.H., this weekend, to obtain the family Christmas tree from its woodland hiding place.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Chapman and family, and Emeline Heath and Mildred McLain dined at the Town and Country over the Thanksgiving holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Loring, Elsie Bryant, Dick and Nancy Cross, Kelsey, Deborah Cantello and Jessica, dined at the Madison on Thanksgiving.

So. Woodstock

By OLIVE DAVIS

The Willing Workers held their Christmas party at Mrs. Miriam Morgan's the 10th, in the evening. Eighteen members turned out. A business meeting was held before the party. Different ways of raising money was discussed for the coming year. Several things had been changed at the community house. The old cook stove has been sold. An electric range and refrigerator brought in. Mr. and Mrs. Leon Poland Sr. attended to that. The funnel was cleaned by Mr. Poland and replaced. Minna Morgan washed the curtains and shades were being repaired.

The chairs and tables will be let only through contacting Sheryl Wilbur or the president. The officers were elected: Debbie Poland as president; vice president, Cathy Morgan; secretary and treasurer, Sheryl Wilbur.

The next meeting will be in January. Watch for the date. The meetings were to be on the second Thursday.

Those attending were Eleanor Thurlow, Jo Ann Bean, Cathy Mason, Cathy Morgan, Debbie Poland, Elaine Wilday, Myrtle Thurlow, Mary Fleming, Polly Bean, Sheryl Wilbur, Esther Crockett, Claribel Poland, Goldie and Virginia Mason, Olive Davis, Beth Bean, Patty Thurlow, and Miriam Morgan, the hostess.

Esther Davis attended the Senior Citizens dinner and Christmas party at the Bryant Pond Grange Hall Thursday. She and Eva B. Twitchell tended the Historical Society table.

Everyone around here are busy trying to finish their Christmas shopping. It's a busy time of year.

Along the road, Route 26, they are cleaning out fir trees to sell and grinding up the limbs they cut off. The Central Maine Power crew is doing it under their lines.

Theresa Wilday is attending SMVTI in South Portland. She is training some days at the Maine Medical Center. She is taking up radiation for cancer as part of her course.

Eva B. Twitchell, Olive Davis and Esther Davis worked on the sale table at Bryant Pond for the historical society Wednesday. This was in conjunction with the Universalist Church sale at the town hall.

Friday, the sixth, was open house at the Bethel Citizen office. The correspondents were invited in to see the changes in printing the paper. The computer system is used to compile the sheets. These are taken to Lewiston at 7 a.m. Wednesday morning and back by noon to be addressed and on the road again to subscribers. This was very interesting. Refreshments were enjoyed by the visitors. Olive Davis, Lettie Brooks and Colista Morgan were among the guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Andrews of Bridgton called on their aunt, Olive Davis, Sunday afternoon.

Rev. Ben Davis is living in the Adventist home on the Twitchell Road.

Esther Davis spent the weekend with her grandchildren, Neil and Jackie Tibbetts in Oxford while Patsy Tibbetts and Ethel Twitchell were on a shopping spree. She returned home on Monday.

The programs for Franklin Grange are being printed at a print shop in South Paris. It is hoped to have them ready for Monday night at the Christmas party. Be sure to get yours.

Fred Judkins who is in Florida, has been elected master of Ocoola Grange. Marion York is their treasurer. I received a Christmas card of Fred wearing his sash for that grange.

Lionel O'Brien has had to have more of his leg removed. He is at Stephens Memorial Hospital.



LORRAINE PFAUDLER was presented with a lifetime membership in the American Legion recently. Making the award was the Jackson-Silver Post's Alanson Cummings.

East Bethel

By MYRA FOSTER

Mrs. Agnes Haines, Mrs. Lillian Bartlett, Mrs. Peggy Coolidge, Mrs. Maud Danforth, and Mrs. Floribel Haines, attended the Christmas dinner of the Senior Citizens at the Bethel Inn Dec. 11.

Mrs. Peggy Coolidge, Mrs. Maud Danforth and Mrs. Floribel Haines were in Lewiston shopping Monday of last week.

Mrs. Robert Hastings was in Portland shopping Wednesday and Thursday of last week. She stayed with Miss Holly Bancroft overnight Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Swan of Dixfield were recent visitors at the Bartlett Homestead. Clayton Bartlett of Kennebunk was a guest there Sunday.

Little Tinker Gibson was an overnight

guest of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kimball Thursday and Saturday night last week. Kenneth Crockett and George Crockett were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kimball Saturday.

Mrs. Norma Tyler is in the Maine Medical Center for a leg vein operation. She hopes to be home on Dec. 20.

Mrs. Linda Olson and Carrie and Mrs. Nancy Twitchell and Tracy were in North Conway, N.H., shopping a week ago Sunday.

Mrs. Warren Smith of Locke Mills; Ronnie Smith of Bethel; Butch Crockett and Jarrod, Mrs. Paul Kimball were recent visitors of Albert Foster.

Mrs. Paul Kimball took Mrs. Myra Foster to the Gospel Center Sunday.

John Foster, David Foster, and Teague Berry of Andover were at the farm Sunday. John Foster and Phil Coolidge butchered a steer the same day.

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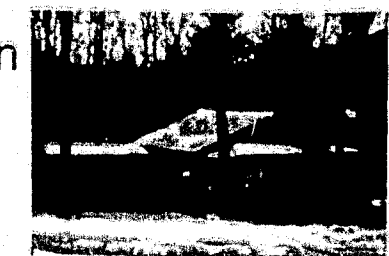
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LET'S EXPLORE

By Maylene Cummings, Grade 6
Agnes Gray School
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And between us, we both eye Venus,
Do you see planet Earth?
Where we acknowledge human birth.
Look at little glowing Mars,
Hung among the brightest stars.
Hey! Jupiter,
Can we stop and explore?
If we follow the system's pattern
We'll soon come along by Saturn.
Beautiful Uranus,
She'll entertain us.
Hurry we'll be landing soon,
Let's not miss Neptune.
Icy Pluto is our end,
Someday we will come again.

West Paris

By MIRIAM INMAN

On Dec. 3, the West Paris Senior Citizens met at the Legion Hall for a Christmas dinner, meeting and exchange of gifts. Thirty four members and one guest were present. A monthly meeting followed the dinner. Cards were signed to be sent to Norman Gellately and Arnold Coffin. A "thank you" note was read from Madeline Jacobs. "Happy Birthday" was sung by the group to Hazel Ford. Lona, Bill and Eddie Bedard entertained with a musical program.

The next meeting and potluck dinner will be on Jan. 7 at which time officers will be installed for 1986. Avis Ellingwood will talk about books and the History of the Library.

A group of singers (and would-be singers) will gather at the Universalist Church on Sunday evening, Dec. 22, at 6 p.m. to begin their tour bringing cheer to the shut-ins in town.

The annual Christmas Eve candlelight Service will be at 7 p.m. at the Universalist Church.

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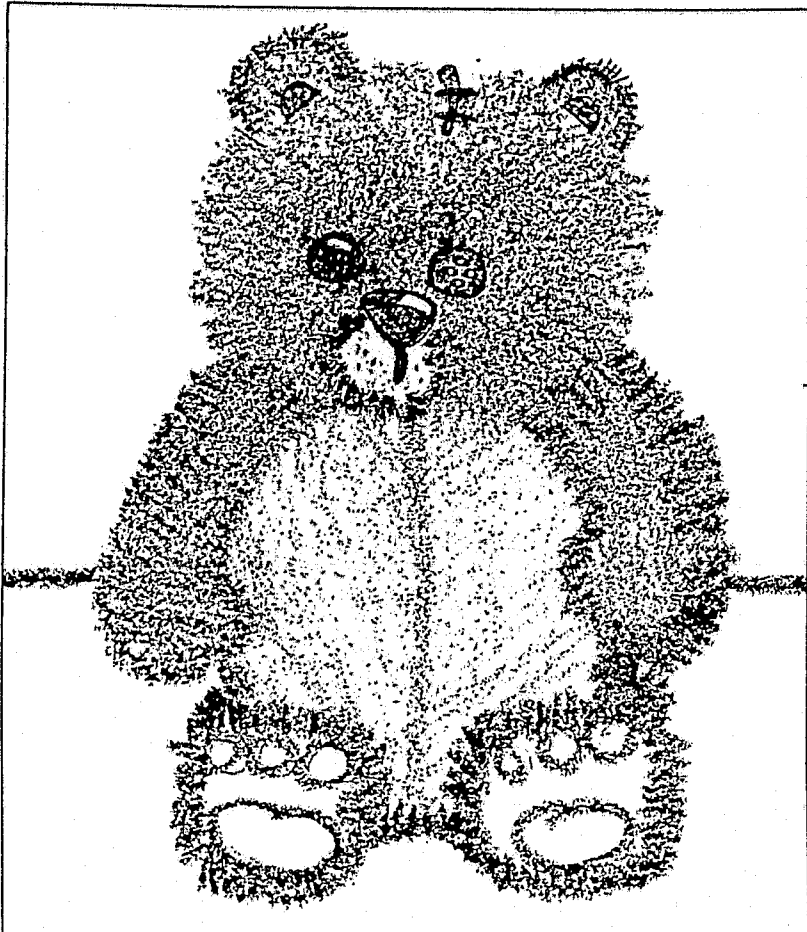
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North Paris

By EVELINE B. VATCHER

A nice storm sneaked in Wednesday night and left us with four inches of snow and we needed it to make it look like Christmas and more is expected for Friday evening.

Lionel O'Blens is still at the Norway hospital and had his leg amputated mid-thigh. We wish him well.

Eveline and Joe Vatcher were sorry to miss the "open house" at the Citizen Office Dec. 6, but they had other commitments. We know they must have had a good time.

Greetings to all our friends in Florida at his time. When it rains, sleets and snows we picture them in our minds as fishing, bathing and golfing while we shovel the snow and sand, but we love it here.

Welcome Miriam Inman to the Citizen's family of correspondents.

Last week after Joe Vatcher took Gordon Stevens home from the rabbit hunt, a kind neighbor saw Joe's dogs walking by the roadside on their way home and called the dog officer to pick them up. They are licensed and have a right to return home so Deputy Miclon told Joe.

Arnold Coffin is still at Stephens Memorial Hospital. Wednesday evening, Dec. 11, the doctor drew one pint of blood from his lungs and Friday, Dec. 13, he

had a gall bladder operation, so he will be there for another week anyway. Don't start to grow old.

Harlan Abbott and Joe Vatcher worked on the snowmobile trail from Harlan Abbott's toward the Trask farm and a short meeting afterward at Warren Emery's.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Vatcher went to Danvers, Mass., and Wednesday to see Mrs. Fannie Vatcher and intended to take her to a Gloucester nursing home to see her sister, Grace Lane, but it was snowing very hard so we will take her next time we go to Massachusetts. She was already to come home with us but Joe said "it would be better come spring." She would be too far from her doctor up here in the winter. They called on Arnold Coffin at the Norway hospital as they came home.

Callers at Lawrences: Mr. and Mrs. Joe Vatcher, Odell Heath, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Penley Sr., and Dougie, Ariene Abbott, Ariene Ellis, Percy McInnis, Lloyd Huntley.

CARD OF THANKS

Many thanks to everyone for the cards, flowers, prayers, and best wishes during my stay in the hospital. Also my wife, Maggie, appreciates all the help she received. Best wishes to everyone.

Keith Ring

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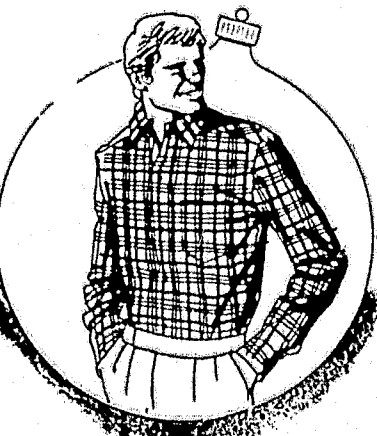
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THE ETHEL BISBEE SCHOOL students, under the direction of Liz Mikenas, gave a concert last Thursday night in the Telstar auditorium. A large crowd turned out to hear the youngsters sing a variety of songs and play a variety

of instruments. Among the selections was a newly written EBS school song, written by Norma Salway.

Andover

East Andover
By MARJORIE JODREY

On Tuesday evening, the Andover Elementary school held its annual "Holiday Concert" under the direction of Liz Mikenas. A very enjoyable evening was had by all, especially when Santa appeared with candy canes for all the singers.

Mrs. Mary Thurston entertained for dinner on Sunday, Dec. 8, Mr. and Mrs. Linwood Glover and Owen Linscott of Hollis.

Mrs. Raymond Hutchins has resigned

as librarian at the public library. Mrs. Phyllis Spaulding, assistant librarian, is officiating until a new librarian is named.

If anyone has seen a big black cat with a white flea collar in the East Andover area will they please call Mrs. Glen Fyrberg at 392-4161. She has been cat-sitting and he ran away and he's the pet of her father. She would appreciate it if you have him or know where he is to call her.

Mrs. Mary Jaros of Rumford spent the day Wednesday with her son, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jaros and family.

Greeters on Sunday, Dec. 8, at the

First Congregational Church were Roberta Learned and Alys Parsons. Receiving Holy Baptism were Sonja Flanders, Jarrod Flanders, Eda Perkins, Virginia Daigle and Helen Goodwin. Received into membership of the church were Marjorie Bartlett, Ann Bishop, George Byam, Virginia Dagle, Sonja Flanders, Helena Goodwin, Elaine Martin, Belinda Poor, Eda Perkins, Avis Simmons and Kathy Williamson. Greeters for Dec. 15 were Paula and Bill Smith and Dec. 22 Kathy Williamson and family will be the greeters.

Andover Senior Citizens will meet Dec. 17 for their annual Christmas "potluck" dinner and gift exchange.

Andover Library Association held a meeting at the library on Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Emerson Sr. were in South Portland on business on Wednesday.

Many from town enjoyed skiing at the Sunday River Skiway on Sunday. With this new snow it should improve the skiing.

The Andover Public Library is accepting applications for the position of librarian. Anyone interested in town may send their application to the Library Association before Dec. 31 or bring it to the library which is open Tuesdays from 1-4 p.m.; and Thursdays from 1-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m., and Saturdays from 1-4 p.m.

Elderwood Manor Items

Florence Hall and Gertrude Hutchins were in Jay shopping on Monday.

Mrs. Louise Powell visited her mother, Mrs. Alma Hewey one day this week.

Mrs. Elizabeth Sennett and Dot Elliott visited Mrs. Bernice Glover who is still a patient at Rumford Community Hospital.

Everyone at the manor is preparing for the Mystralls annual Christmas party to be held Dec. 15.

Northwest Bethel

By CLARICE GIBSON

Thursday we woke to a winter wonderland. There was just enough snow so it covered up the dirt but not enough to make traveling impossible. We have had overcast skies almost all week and doesn't look good at all today (Friday).

What a tragedy the airplane crash is in Newfoundland. While we were up in Newfoundland we went to the airport to eat and Ernest and Alberta Angevine said they went to the airport this summer.

The decorations are put up and riding along in the evening it is fun to see all the ways people have decorated. Some have a candle in each window, others have lights up so their whole house is outlined with colors, others have decorations of figurines lighted on the lawn, roof, or wherever and others have all three. I suspect some people take hours putting these up.

Friday morning the trees were bedecked in sparkling jewelry. About 2 p.m. it had started snowing.

Sylvia Benson, daughter Sharon Kimball, and granddaughters, Anita and Chantel, of Waterford, went to South Portland mall shopping and to eat.

Dec. 2 Evelyn Hilborn and Frances Farnum and Bertha Flanders went to Lewiston and Auburn shopping and had lunch in Auburn. The 3rd Evelyn's nephew called from London, England, to tell her how she had done on his exams. The 4th Evelyn went to a church sale in Bryant Pond then on to South Paris and Norway shopping and the next day Evelyn went to Norway with Frances Farnum and had ice cream in South

Paris.

Robert Saunders was home with his mother, Pat, and Richard Saunders Sunday and went back Monday. Richard Saunders has come back from New York to live again on our road.

Saturday, Sue Angevine celebrated her birthday. Dick, Sue, Kristy and Dusty Angevine and Sheri Cordova went to the Northlands, in Berlin, N.H.

Sunday, Kristy and Dusty Angevine were both baptized at the Methodist Church in Bethel.

Tuesday, Joyce Stearns and Debbie Seames went to Bob's aunt's, Vivian Barlow, in East Andover.

Wednesday, Joyce and Bob Stearns went to the supper at the American Legion Hall, put on for the town employees.

Saturday, Debbie Seames and Joyce Stearns participated at the sale in Locke Mills.

Our road was very well represented at the Ethel Bisbee School function at Telstar Thursday night. Chuckie Mason and family attended and their son Charles VI was in it; Joanne Andre and Dennis went to see Danielle Andre; I went to see my granddaughter, Theresa; Ernest and Alberta Angevine and Victor Coolidge family as Jessica Coolidge was in it; Charles and Ruth Mason had grandchildren in it; Joyce Stearns and Debbie and Dawn Seames went to see Ryan Seames; Ruth Butters, Dick, Sue, Kristy, Dusty Angevine and Sheri Cordova also went. Ernest and Alberta picked up Ruth and I. When Ruth got out she invited us in for a lunch and we had a nice visit.

Ernest, Alberta Angevine and Evelyn Hilborn went to the Northlands in Berlin, N.H.

Saturday, George, Frankie and Theresa went down to Jim Gibson's and family in Freeport and they all went to see "Santa Claus, the Movie."

Tuesday evening, Frankie and I drove up to Rumford to go shopping.

Christmas Excitement

Ornaments and tinsel, Glowing lights on shapely trees, Indoor decorations And wreaths and trim to please, Gatherings of neighbors And of relatives and friends, Special preparations While warmth of song transcends, Christmas punch and fruitcakes, Bright wrappings, gifts and toys, Excitement and elation In hearts of girls and boys, We're ready for a birthday, And our homes are at their best, Dear God, help us prepare our hearts For you, the honored guest.

—Author Unknown

CARD OF THANKS

My sincere thank you to all my relatives and friends for their cards, flowers and fruit basket that I received during my recent illness. Special thanks to all those who visited me during my stay in the hospital and nursing home, especially to my children and grandchildren, who came every day. I wish for each of you a very happy and peaceful holiday season.

Most sincerely,
Iva Hutchinson



JASON MULLEN gives Santa a skeptical look at Woodstock's breakfast with Santa last Saturday morning at the Woodstock Elementary School.

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Bethel

By LINDA CARON

Maurice and Becky Kendall have returned from a trip to Florida where they visited Frances and Wallace Saunders and Lina Reynolds.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Lunney on the birth of their daughter, Megan.

Get well wishes are extended to Barbara Merrill who has been bitten by a nasty virus. We all miss her at Gould and hope that by the time she reads her get well wish, she'll be back at the old grindstone with the rest of us.

Condolences to Cheryl Lord on the loss of her parakeet. Cheryl has an empty spot in her living room where the dearly departed used to inhabit. Maybe Santa will bring Cheryl a new feathered friend.

The Christmas dinner for Casco Bank employees (past and present) was held at Sunday River Inn on Dec. 11. Those present were Lillian and Roger Conant, Mary and Gayland Doen, Barbara and Leland (Mike) Brown, Annie Feeney, Anita and Robert Remington, Ned and Clark Bartlett, Mary and Erlon Bean, Linda and John Caron and Jaime. We had a delicious dinner and some chuckles as we opened the presents and then swapped for something else. Jaime got a box of flashcards and a surprise present from Lillian and Roger. It was hippopotamus soap! Jaime's still trying to say "hippo- soap," but she does a pretty good job.

This week has been long on work, short on news, and heavy on snow! All those skiers must be thinking hard...y'know... "think snow?" Heard a good one tonight... Did you hear about the guy who tossed and turned all night because he kept dreaming he was a muffer? He woke up exhausted. Booooo! Hiss! Pretty good, huh? I thought so...

Just found out today that Jaime's Pop won't be spending Christmas with us this year. He's hopping a plane and going west to visit Auntie Jan and Uncle Harry. We'll have a belated celebration when he gets back.

The Carons will be pulling up stakes in the not too distant future. We're movin' on to new surroundings, but never fear, you can always find ole crazy me right here in the same place...

So, until next time... be good, but not too good 'cause that's no fun. Be kind to your neighbor... 'cause you might get some cookies... that was Jaime's hint...

Food for thought: "A shortcut is often the quickest way to some place you weren't going."

And for those who still believe: "That Santa's still respected and loved should make us all feel exultant. For he's done it without a P.R. man, or hiring a media consultant."

Edward F. Dempsey, Wall Street Journal Peace.

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PARENT VOLUNTEER Linda Cary drills students in math in Mrs. Parker's second grade class at Woodstock Elementary School. She is the first volunteer from the local PTO to take part in the new program.

Bryant Pond

By ALICE F. HOYT

Judith Grover Tent #17 met on Monday, Dec. 9, at the Grange Hall for a regular meeting and Christmas party.

Twenty members were present. Michelle Crockett filled in for color bearer #2. Michelle Crockett thanked the members, for Harry Davis, for helping in the Veterans Day program at school. Election of officers was held. All officers are the same except council member #3, Helen Ring, and the patriotic instructor, Elena Noyes. Installation will be Jan. 13 with a supper.

The Sunday school and Awana Club Christmas program and tree will be held Friday, Dec. 20, at 7 p.m.

Thursday afternoon a large Holy Bible was presented to Pastor Hanson to be used by the Awana Club children, by Evelyn T. Bean and Chester Bean (in his memory), because of their love for children.

Thursday afternoon the Woodstock Senior Citizens packed and delivered Christmas boxes.

W. Greenwood

By CAROLYN COLBY

Leah Deegan has gone down to Marion Soule's for the weekend.

Marc and Leslie Moore attended the Ethel Bisbee School concert at Telstar on Thursday evening. Nathan and Jennie were participants.

On Monday, Jennie danced at Ledgeview nursing home with the Children's Dance Theater.

If you haven't read the "Maine Game Warden's" by Eric Wright, you really should. It is good for he writes like he talks. It is hilarious in some places and interesting in all. We've got a few copies at the drug store if you are looking for one.



PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANT Michael Poirier examines a patient at the health center.

Physician's assistant joins health center staff

Michael Poirier, of Rumford, has joined the Bethel Area Health Center as a physician's assistant. Plans are for Mr. Poirier to be with the center until a second physician is recruited.

Mr. Poirier has had extensive experience in emergency room and cardiac care, as well as in the medical aspects of patient care. He received his nursing degree in 1978 from the University of Maine and is a 1982 graduate of the Nurse Practitioner program at Allegheny General Hospital, Pittsburgh, Pa. He was certified as a physician's assistant by the National Association of Physician's Assistants in 1982.

Mr. Poirier is married and the father

of one son and three stepchildren. He and his wife, Caro, are expecting another child in February. His hobbies are hiking, photography, biking, gardening and furniture-making and refinishing.

The health center has expanded its hours, a spokesman announced. The center will now be open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursdays, the same as on Mondays.

CARD OF THANKS

We want to thank the Bethel Fire Department for their prompt and excellent service, and John Greenleaf and Don Katlin for coming on such short notice. It was very much appreciated.

David and Nancy Annis
Northwest Bethel

Locke Mills

By LORRAINE MILLS

The December meeting of the Greenwood Fire Dept. Auxiliary has been cancelled. The next meeting will be Jan. 28.

The time for the Christmas cantata at the Locke Mills Union Church has been changed to 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 22, in order to avoid conflict with the area churches evening services. Everyone is welcome and refreshments will be served after the cantata.

The Sunday School program at the Locke Mills Union Church will be Sunday afternoon Dec. 22 at 3 p.m. Come and bring the family.

The Youth Group's Senior Citizen party will be Thursday Dec. 19.

There will be a Christmas Eve service at the Locke Mills Union Church with readings and Christmas carols at 7 p.m. All are welcome.

The trustees of the Locke Mills Union Church met Wednesday, Dec. 11, at the home of Leland and Sylvia Dunham. Committee reports were heard. It was reported that the Youth Group would be assisting in the lighting of the candles on the Advent wreath at the Sunday service and the children would be trimming the Christmas tree on Sunday afternoon. It was reported that Mrs. Arlene Hayes has offered to donate a small organ to the church. The pastoral search committee is still trying to find a pastor. It was reported that John Ellis, Second Congregational Church of Norway, has been named a trustee of the Maine UCC and would like to meet with the trustees of the Locke Mills Church. The trustees decided to invite him to a meeting in the near future, possibly in February after the Locke Mills Church's annual meeting which will be Jan. 26. The meeting will begin with a pot luck supper at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting at 7 p.m. The next meeting of the trustees will be at 7 p.m. at the home of Harry and Margery Swan.

Keith Roy has returned from the hospital and is convalescing satisfactorily at his home.

Claire and Roy Smith of Wallingford, Conn., were able to beat the storm and came to visit relatives over the weekend. The first major snowstorm of the season dumped several inches of snow on

West Bethel

By HARRIETT STOWELL

Cathryn Lovejoy was in Harrison Tuesday of last week to take her father to see Dr. Martin. He is now improving from a sore throat and fever.

On Thursday Cleve and Cathryn Lovejoy were in Rumford at the Roy Wests for a steak supper.

George and Harriett Stowell were in Norway and South Paris last Monday shopping, and visiting with her aunt, Esther Farnum.

Richard Walker Jr., wife Cindy and daughter Julie of Occum, Conn., spent this past weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Walker.

The Pleasant Valley Bible Church held their regular quarterly meeting last Tuesday evening and voted in several new members and made plans for a Christmas Eve church service.

Gary and Rebecca Inman have moved into their home in Mason, which they recently purchased.

There seems to be no doubt that winter is upon us with a vengeance! It surely looks like a "winter wonderland" and a very white Christmas!

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Grant of Yarmouth visited his grandmother, Ann Mason, one day last week.

the area last Friday but we luckily missed the sleet and rain that hit many areas. Your correspondent was disappointed at the timing as we had planned to go to Colchester, Vt., to visit our son, Ralph, and attend a cantata he was in on Friday night. Since our car is no snow bunny and the forecast for the route through to Colchester called for a lot of freezing rain and snow we decided to stay home. The cantata went off very well without us and we will try again in the spring to make it survive another Maine winter.

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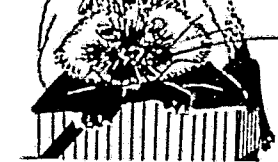
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win (manager); front row, Jeff Boyle, Scott Buker, Chris Buckingham, Harold Munzner, Chris Fraser, Bob Chase, Shane York and Mike Rainey.

Rebel basketball

The Rebel boys' basketball team got into the win column last week with a triumph over St. Doms, 56-49. Although the boys were not altogether satisfied with their performance, they were happy to notch their first win of the young season, making them 3-1. The boys are still without the services of the injured Jim Fiske.

Scott Haines had the hot hand for the Rebels, tallying 24 points. Alec Newell found the range for 20 points. Meanwhile, the Rebel girls remained winless, 5-0, losing Monday to Sacopee Valley, 63-30. Last week the girls lost a heartbreaker to St. Doms on a final buzzer field goal. The final score was 31-29. The girls have been playing without the injured Linda Learned.

Telstar had overcome early deficits to lead 24-22 entering the final stanza. Penny York led Rebel shooters, with 12 points. Sophomore center Debby Bodwell had 13 rebounds.

Friday games were cancelled due to the snowstorm.

Songo Pond

By ALICE KIMBALL

Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Hunter of Carlisle, Pa., were overnight visitors Saturday of his sister, Mrs. Alice Kimball.

Monday morning I drove to Otisfield and went from there to Portland with my daughter for my medical check-up. On Tuesday Myra and I were in Norway.

Miss Deborah Lizak from Bar Mills with her husky dog Nikon visited two days this week with her good friend Mrs. Diane Lescault and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Lescault attended the Sounds of Christmas Concert at Oxford Hills Thursday night. His brother Martin took part in the orchestra, band, and choir.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Parsons went to the Portland Jetport Friday afternoon to meet their son Tom who came from Florida to spend the holidays. The moon affects the tide—also the untied.

THIS WEEK AT THE Moses Mason House

December is membership month at the Bethel Historical Society. During 1985 to date, 112 individuals have become members of the society, bringing total membership to well over 600.

Besides Maine, members of the Bethel Historical Society can be found in 26 other states, the District of Columbia and three Canadian provinces.

New members during 1985 include Roger Adams, W. Simsbury, Conn.; Albert and Elizabeth Bartlett, Fresno, Calif.; Gertie Bartlett, Bethel; John and Mary Beth Bayerlein, Bethel; Frances Bernier, Bethel; Charles and Patricia Blake, Bethel; Dana and Mary Ann Bresnahan, Pasadena, Calif.; Carl and Lettie Brooks, West Paris; Raymond and Dorothy Brown, Somersworth, N.H.; Judy Burgess, Trevett; Ann B. Carlson, Friendship; Gilbert and Elaine Carlson, Hingham, Mass.; Marian Caye, Bethel; Carlton and Mary Champe, Rumford Center; Fillmore and Shirley Clough, Bethel; Ellen Coffin, Norway.

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Also, Beverly Haines, Bethel; Charlene Haines, Bethel; Nancy Haines, Bryant Pond; Nathan Hamilton, Framington; Clifford and Helen Hillier, Bethel; Bernice Hodgdon, Norway; Richard Holland, York; Virginia Hood, Largo, Fla.; Christopher Hovey, Farmingdale; William and Gabrielle Howe, Rockville, Md.; John P. Howe, Rockport, Mass.; Sidney Howe, Belfast; Helen D. Hughes, Ridgway, Pa.; Lee and Virginia Hutchins, Bethel; Bartlett Hutchinson, South Paris; Susan Jackson, Dover, Mass.; Thomas Johnson, Bridgton; Frances E. Jordan, Poland; Arthur Kavanagh, Southbridge, Mass.; Gerald Kimball, Gray; Herbert and Ruth Kit-

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Anyone wishing to obtain further information is requested to call the society office, at 824-2908, or write the society, P.O. Box 12, Bethel, Maine 04217. Gift memberships are also available.

President Alden Kennett has made the following committee assignments for the

coming year:

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Hunger in Maine

By SEN. BILL COHEN

Twenty-five years ago, presidential candidate John F. Kennedy shocked the nation during a campaign trip to Appalachia by pointing to hunger and poverty similar to that in Asia and Africa. At that time, he pledged that he would "see to it that every American is fed and fed right."

He attempted to make good on his promise. Through his first two executive orders, President Kennedy increased the distribution of surplus farm commodities and re-established the food stamp program on a pilot basis. In so doing, he laid the groundwork for a number of subsequent anti-hunger programs designed to help those living in poverty fight off starvation. President Kennedy strongly believed that the government had a responsibility to help end hunger in America.

That responsibility is still with us today. A 1985 Harvard University-based Physician Task Force on Hunger in America reported that 20 million Americans remain underfed and undernourished. This same task force sent a special citizens' commission to New England last year to talk to both hungry people and those who try to help the hungry. The commission took a hard look at the human face of hunger and found that the number of hungry people was growing in the region.

Stops were made throughout Maine, and homes were visited in South Paris, Casco, Naples, Lewiston and Brunswick. During their brief visit, the commissioners discovered that within the past couple years more Maine families were depending on soup kitchens for their meals, and many of the hunger problems of these families were directly linked to malnutrition and growth failure in children. Their findings pointed to the chief weapons needed to combat hunger—nutrition assistance and preventive health care.

In my opinion, Maine is doing a good job of providing this type of assistance through its administration of both the federal school lunch program and the women, infants and children food program (WIC), programs which I have strongly supported in the Senate. Both programs in Maine emphasize nutrition promotion as the key to better health.

The school lunch program in Maine

Snyder, Mabel Kennett, Marianne Durgin, Neva Coolidge, Mary Keniston, Jane Hosterman.

• Craft: Catherine Newell, chairman; Hope Tibbetts, Marlene Marshall, Carolyn Campbell, Janet Todd, Lynda Chandler, Alden Kennett, Edward Kennett.

• Music: Arlene Brown, chairman; Mary Valentine, Edna York, Arlene Walker, Edward H. Hastings, Stephen Seames, Vicky Myers.

• Membership: Barbara D. Brown, chairman; Jean Owen, Margaret Cousins, E.M. Quinn, Merton Brown, Jeri Brooks.

• Newspaper Distribution: Mildred Jackson, chairman; Hazel Newell, Phyllis Roberts, E. Dick Hastings, Barbara Kuzyk, Marie Brown, Ernest Perkins, Nancy Mercer.

• Endowment: Howard Cole, chairman; Barbara D. Brown, John B. Head, Louise Lincoln, Alden Kennett.

Tri-Town Rescue

Tri-Town wishes everyone the very best Christmas holiday ever.

Tri-Town had a good Christmas party Sunday night with a full turkey meal and gift exchange.

Training this month is tonight (Wednesday) on run forms. Jane Chandler has planned a meeting on the new run forms, which will be initiated Jan. 1, 1986. A skit about the legality of poorly filled out forms has been planned.

Safety Tip of the Week
The Christmas holiday is a fun time for families. Sometimes it is a lonely time for those without families. Just a phone call or a card to someone alone, especially for the first time this year, can help make the difference for that person.

The incidence of suicide is greatly increased over the holidays. If someone seems depressed, or mentions ending their life, even if it seems in a jest, that person is asking for help. That person might not be able to get the help he or she needs. Several resources are available.

The first one is to be available to listen, to be friend and to do something with that person.

Another resource is the Oxford County Helpline (1-800-482-8255). This telephone has trained personnel on the other end Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights ready to listen and intervene, when necessary, with problems. During other times of the day the number is also answered and referred to the necessary resource.

A third resource is Tri-County Mental Health Services, with an office in Rumford or Norway.

And a fourth possibility is a minister or priest who can sometimes listen to the person in trouble, get them directed towards help or help them see other alternatives to killing themselves.

All of us can help, if we listen, to make this holiday season a good one for everyone. Especially remember that person who has lost a spouse sometime during this past year. The holidays are very difficult times to be alone.

serves approximately 108,000 meals a day, meals that must include portions from all four basic food groups. For many Maine students, the school lunch is often the only well-balanced, organized meal of the day. For those from low-income families, the meal is free of charge. In addition to the meal, food service officials provide nutrition instruction to better improve the eating habits of Maine students.

The WIC program promotes better health by providing cereals, juices, eggs, infant formula, milk and cheese to low-income mothers and children who are at risk from inadequate nutrition or health care. Nearly 18,000 women, infants and children in Maine are being served at 90 clinics across the state. I believe Maine's WIC program has proven to be a true model for preventive health care as it improves the quality of life for thousands of women and children.

Our responsibility to fighting hunger demands a true commitment to promoting the health of those who are less fortunate and in need of assistance. It is only by sticking to that commitment that we can ever hope to completely fulfill the pledge President Kennedy made to his countrymen a quarter of a century ago.

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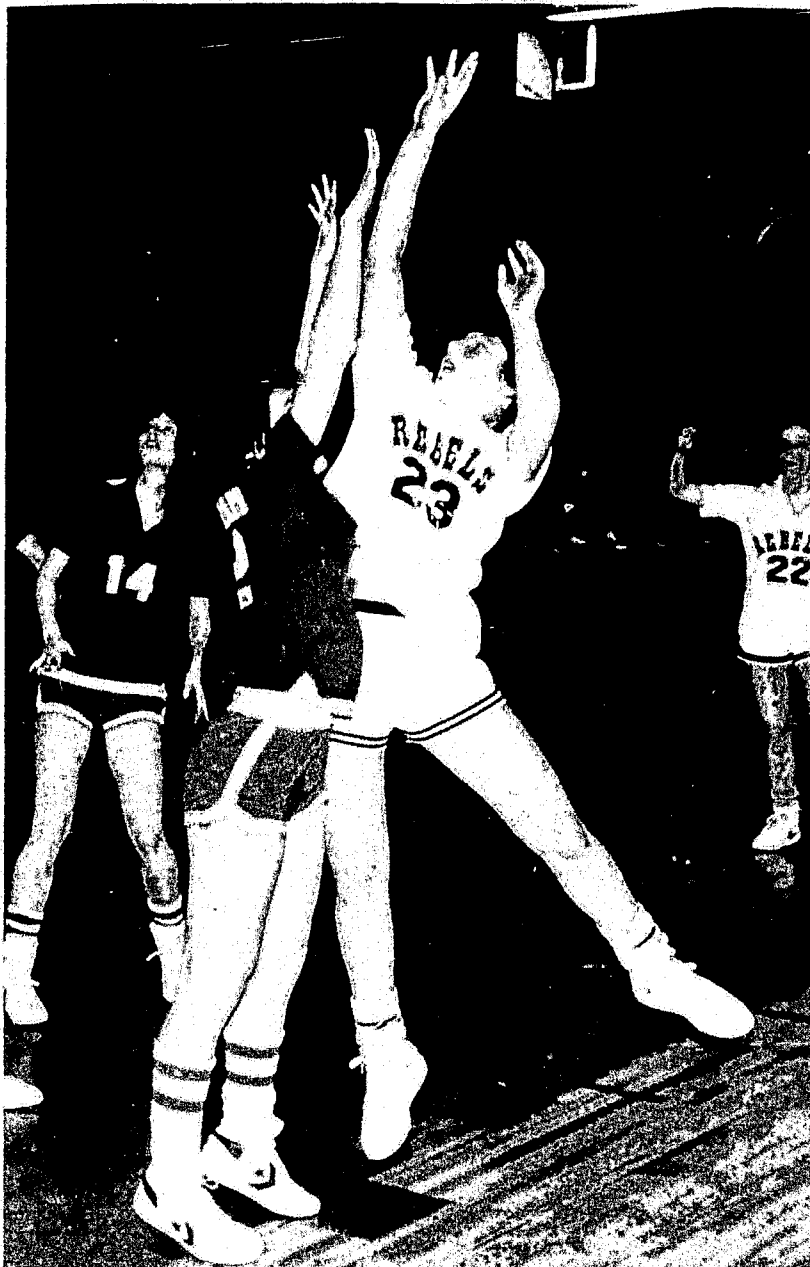
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No. East Lovell

By PAULINE SMITH

Lovell Senior Citizens entertained 32 Wednesday. A turkey dinner was served. Entertainment in the afternoon by the Lovell Girl Scouts.

Linda Allen took Iva Fox (her mother), and Aunt Polly into Lewiston Friday and visited Aunt Bessie Carver, 96, at a nursing home, and Leah McAllister at her apartment. Leah was born and brought up in Stoneham many years ago. Though it was bitter cold—we shopped some.

Mr. and Mrs. Brad Crosby and Mr. and Mrs. Don Gregson of Oosterville, Mass., were at their camps over the weekend.

There was a supper at North Lovell put on by the grange for the children and their families.

Bryan Weeks from Massachusetts visited at his folks Friday night.

We'll miss our cousin, Vesta Nelson, who passed away last week.

As I See It . . .

U.S. Senator George Mitchell has come out against a high-level nuclear waste repository in Maine, and, as he explains below, against any high-level waste repository other than the first one already authorized by Congress and planned for a site in the west or southwest.

There is no need for a second site. Current law limits the maximum amount of waste that can be stored in the first repository to 70,000 metric tons. There is no technical or scientific basis for this limit. Its purpose was to assure the state selected for the first repository that it would not be the only state having a high-level waste repository. And it was based on estimates of the total amount of high-level waste—[estimates] that are proving to be exaggerated.

Without this limit there would be no need for a second repository. DOE's latest estimate is that 126,000 metric tons of high-level radioactive waste (both commercial and defense) will need to be disposed of in a high-level waste repository. This estimate is lower than

the previous estimates of about 140,000 metric tons.

It is likely that the actual amount of high-level waste will be even lower for several reasons. It is probable that no new commercial nuclear power plants will be ordered in this century. Some of the plants under construction have been cancelled and others may follow suit. Both nuclear and non-nuclear utilities are extending the useful life of their power plants. Some utilities are choosing to use the fuel rods, which make up a major portion of the high-level waste, for a longer time, thus producing less spent fuel.

Finally, some of the sites currently under consideration by DOE for the first repository may safely accommodate all the high-level waste expected to be stored.

So there is no compelling technical reason for having two repositories. In contrast, there are compelling fiscal reasons for constructing only one. While waste estimates have been declining, the program's cost estimates have been increasing at a rate of \$400 million per month.

As of January 1985, total program costs, including costs for two repositories, one [central distribution depot], and transportation, are estimated at about \$26.7 billion. In July 1983, DOE estimated these costs to be \$19.6 billion. Thus, the estimated cost of the program has increased by a third in two years. Each of these estimates is in constant dollars, not taking into account inflation. If inflation and other contingencies are factored in, the total program will cost up to \$150 billion, according to the director of the DOE high-level waste program.

If a second repository is not technically necessary, there is no benefit to constructing one.

Will the residents of the state hosting the first repository be made more secure by the knowledge that some other state in another part of the country is exposed to similar risk? Does it make sense to increase the public's risk of exposure to nuclear waste? Should we spend tens of billions of taxpayers' dollars when it is not necessary to do so? The answers are clearly no. —Sen. George Mitchell

B.E.A.R.S.

Bethel Emergency Ambulance and Rescue Service

The BEARS met Sunday evening for their annual Christmas party at their new "home"; a good time was had by all. The next monthly meeting will be next year—sounds a long time away, doesn't it?

The advanced first aid class is progressing well, with the students now preparing for final exams and licensing tests. Good luck to each one!

Safety Tip
The week's safety tip is about weather. Some older homes are difficult to heat in this miserable cold, even with the best of furnaces and/or stoves. You should be aware that prolonged exposure to even cool inside temperatures can affect your

health. As the temperature drops, the typical response is to bundle up and cuddle into a chair, sometimes all day. Adding a sweater and a heavy pair of socks is fine, but remember to get up and move about. When you sit still for too long, you feel colder. How long is too long? Each person is different, listen to what your body is telling you. Drowsiness, forgetfulness, attitude of not caring and loss of energy in general are some symptoms of being too cold. So, the next time you're curled up in your favorite chair with a woolly afghan wrapped around yourself and still feel cold—get up and move. Walk around your house or apartment, turn on the radio and move in time to the music. Swing your arms in circles, breathe deeply and move!

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PHILIP WATERHOUSE, of West Paris, enjoyed a skate on his frozen duck pond, on High Street, last Saturday morning. He skates to music played on a cassette recorder on the bench.

High Street

By VIVA WHITMAN

Hope my old fingers will do well enough to type this morning. The "itis" boys have been at me again and that old Fibrositis is one of the worst. He just doesn't let my muscles do what I want them to do. However, try to keep going and do what I can, when I can. Got so much to do that it makes me very frustrated not to have them work as I want them to.

Another nice cloudy day and that's one of the things the "itis" boys like. Russell agrees with me, so some nights are shorter than others and last night was one of them for both of us. That's really the golden years are all about. I really don't see anything golden about them at all.

Have been busy but haven't gotten all done that I had hoped to. Have been working on crafts at times and getting things made for Christmas. I have been busy and then some trying to get ready for Christmas but am afraid it will beat me to it.

Had cleaned house last Wednesday expecting Lillian Files to be with us on Thursday night. I can't do it all in one day so did what I could and got up to go to it again on Thursday. Russell had called to try to find out if she was going to stay with us or not and not getting answer, we got ready. On Thursday morning when he called her home, he found she had come to Maine the day before and soon after he hung up the receiver, the phone rang again. It was Lillian herself, and she told us that she had checked into a motel as she had come the day before because of the weather forecast. I invited her to supper and she accepted so cooked a good supper for us all. What a delight to meet Lillian and find about more about her. We enjoyed a lovely supper with her and then went

to the Grange Hall to get set up for her slide lecture program, which was the program for the evening at Gentlemen's Night at Grange. Everyone seemed to enjoy the slides and meeting Mrs. Files, seeing all the things she brought and getting information on bluebirds. She had two stuffed ones with her, a box which is to her liking for nesting the birds and lots of literature, besides. The show started off with slides from the North American Bluebird Society, of which Lillian is a past president and then a chance for asking questions before showing slides from her own bluebird trail, which she covers on a moped. Her stuffed birds came to be because of a freeze one year and she found so many frozen birds, after a storm. She kept these two and had them mounted and they are beautiful. It was a most informative show and one that all seemed to enjoy. Questions were asked and if she could give an answer, you got it. I didn't hear any that she couldn't answer, either. She sure knows her bluebirds and hopes that mankind will try to help them become more popular as they seem to be getting more scarce all the time. I know I haven't seen a bluebird for a number of years and remember how beautiful the last ones I saw, were.

We also had a Chinese auction to help get the money for her traveling from Massachusetts to Maine, as she lives in Tyngsboro, Mass. I had made a Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus and they were auctioned off with lots of vim and vigor from our auctioneer, Richard Felt and his helpers. They went to different people so hope they don't get too lonesome for each other. We really enjoyed the evening at the West Paris Grange.

On Saturday, West Paris Grange had a food and craft sale and there was more food sold than anything else, I think. I went down with some of the items I had made and sold several of them, much to

my amazement and joy. I had a lovely time with the girls there and was glad they made as much money as they did. It is for a worthwhile cause as it is for the escalator fund and will be of great benefit to those who have trouble climbing stairs. I took down some fudge to help out with the food sale and hoped it would pay for the space I used for my crafts, but most of all, I really had a good time with the ones who were there looking after things. I went to remind everyone that their next meeting will be on Dec. 19, and will be a Christmas program with a 6:30 supper with the folks from Chapel Valley invited to come and enjoy a Christmas supper and a little fun. Hopefully, Dot Canwell and Dick Fell will be there to cheer everyone with their music. There will also be an exchange of gifts so men bring men's gifts and ladies bring a lady's gift for the exchange. Mildred O'Brien is trying hard to get a program together but with her husband in the hospital and going to visit each day makes it a hard task for her. However, she tells me Lionel is doing as well as the doctors expected he would at this stage of the game, so to speak. It takes a long time for a leg to heal when taken off below the knee as his has had to be done. We wish him the best and hopes he gets out of the hospital soon.

We had a gas heater installed in our home on Friday so if the electricity goes off, we can have some heat. It makes it cold on these old rheumatic bones if there is no heat for a few hours and the weather is cold. Also, Wynona and family were up so she could do some work at the Health Clinic. It was a busy day here as it took most of the day to get the heater installed. Some parts were missing and the gentleman had to make several trips to town to get what he wanted.

While I was at the sale at West Paris Grange Hall on Saturday, Russell went

to do errands in Norway and South Paris. He had taken a fall while at the hall in West Paris and didn't know he had started a bad place on his hip until later.

Sunday, I called my my foster daughter and husband to come and have dinner with us to celebrate their birthdays even though it was late for both of them. His was in November and hers the 7th of December. We had a nice visit. Forgot to mention that Chrissy Taylor came down on Saturday evening and bought a table centerpiece that I had made and had left. I have made several and enjoyed it immensely. Went to OCCS on Monday to see about the heat program. I always forget to get my checks shown in November so have to wait to get on the program. Guess I am getting old and forgetful. Will try to remember it better next year but with all the medication and everything, I do well to remember anything.

Tuesday was doctors day and Wynona was up and drove me over as Russell has tried to lay low with his leg and put ice packs on it. That usually helps hope it does this time. Forgot to say that we went up to play trinomies with Lawrence and Grace one night and I was the big winner. Too bad I couldn't win in other things but very seldom do. That's life and what more can one say.

Hope most of you have your Christmas shopping done and wrapped. I feel sorry for the folks who got burned out on Route 26. I told Russell, it seems such a shame to have so many fires and so many of them come when there are gifts ready for the tree and the money gone. It doesn't make for a very Merry Christmas for the people who have that happen. The bright side of the situation is, if no one gets burned and guess this was the case with the fire on Route 26. I'm glad it was that

Newry

By AMY HANSCOM

The title of Pastor Hanscom's message Sunday morning was "Hopes and Fears," with Scripture readings from Psalms 33:8-22; Isaiah 9:2, 6 and 7; St. Matthew 3:1-6 and 11-12.

Betsy Clark, Thelma Lowery, Sylvia Wight, Beatrice Lowell, June Swan and Gilberte Seeley were in Rumford bowling, Dec. 11. Betsy Clark was high scorer. A developer's proposal to build 300 to 400 town houses on Route 26 in Newry, appears to be meeting with considerable opposition from Bear River residents.

The Mothers Club held their annual Christmas party, with exchange of gifts, Monday evening, Dec. 9, at the home of Peggy Wight. The names of the secret pals for the past year were revealed at this meeting.

The deadline for submitting articles to be included in the warrant for the annual town meeting is Dec. 31.

All taxes not paid by Dec. 31, will be listed in the annual town report, with the name of the owner and the amount due.

Dog licenses are due and payable, Jan. 1, 1986. If not paid before April 1, 1986, an additional charge will be made for collecting.

way but sorry so many lost their homes. Best of luck all in finding another home soon and help from all who can help. Got to get busy or my Christmas thing won't be done so I'll say so long for now and have a safe week.

Legislators tackle ATV's

The first regular session of the 122nd Maine Legislature directed the Department of Conservation, Bureau of Parks and Recreation, to lead an effort to develop recommendations for the management of all-terrain vehicles (ATV's). The department has commissioned a study of the issues surrounding the use of ATV's, including the recreational needs of ATV users, conflicts with other recreational activities and with landowners, including damage and trespass issues, noise, safety, and law enforcement issues and special problems posed by the fact that many ATV users are minors.

Damage to land, trails, crops and sensitive ecosystems, such as alpine area, sand dunes and wetlands is of greatest concern to both non-users and users. Additionally, landowners in particular are concerned about trespass or the intrusion of unauthorized use and liability and the threat of suit. Enforcement of existing laws to address these problems is made more difficult by the maneuverability of ATV's, the difficulty in identifying the operator and the fact that trespass and damage often occur long before they are discovered.

The age of ATV riders is the second most frequent concern, and a universal source of problems. Young ATV riders are often characterized as being less responsible, less controllable and less accountable than adults.

Among the most frequent suggestions for managing these problems are: increase education and training of ATV users, especially young users; establish authorized trails for the use of ATV's; raise the age limit at which ATV's may be ridden without responsible adult supervision; increase parental responsibility for the actions of young riders; require safety equipment, such as helmets, for users; increase law enforcement efforts to deal with ATV violations; and impose additional responsibilities on ATV users to treat land and landowners with respect.

East Stoneham

By GLADYS KILGORE

Much sympathy is extended to the family of Vesta Nelson who passed away after a long illness. She will be greatly missed by all her friends.

Miss Christine Nelson of Woburn, Mass., is here for a few days at the Nelson home. Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Nelson and daughter Christa are also there for a few days, called here by the death of his mother.

The benefit supper was well attended on Thursday.

Mrs. Inez Barker is staying with her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Barker Jr. for the winter months. Mrs. Barker is gaining slowly.

Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Barker have gone to Florida for the winter months. Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Stearns of Portland visited his mother, Elizabeth Stearns, Saturday.

Air National Guard Airman Richard J. Copithorne, son of Alton R. Copithorne, of Rowley, Mass., and Alice M. Copithorne, of West Paris, has graduated from the U.S. Air Force radio operator maintenance and driver course at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss. He will be stationed at Pease Air Force Base, N.H.

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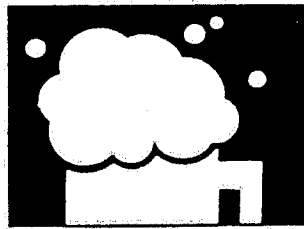
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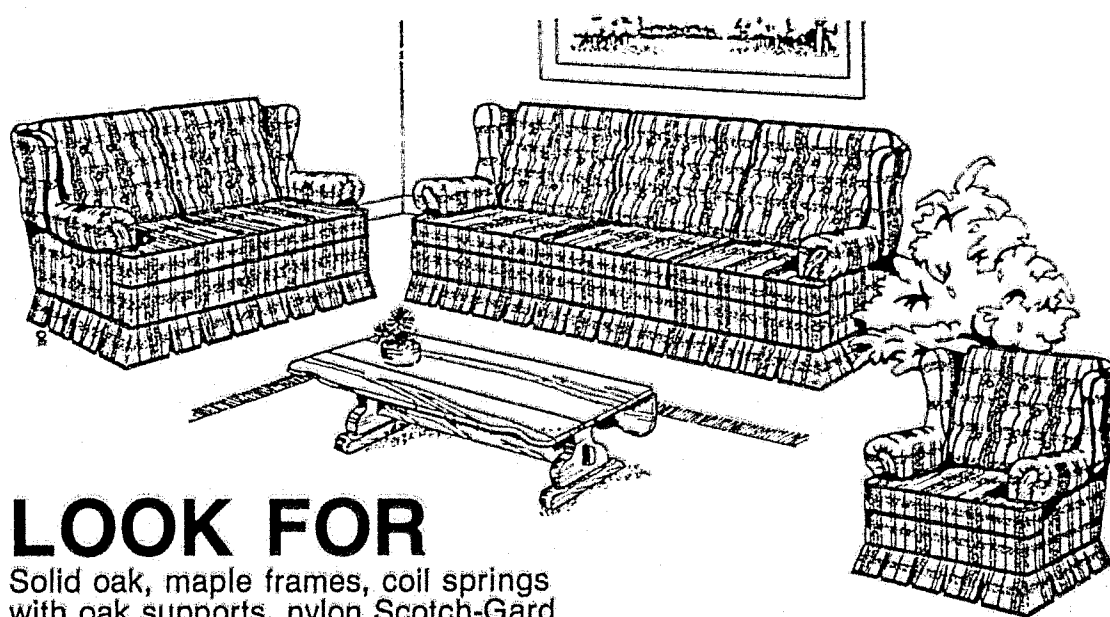
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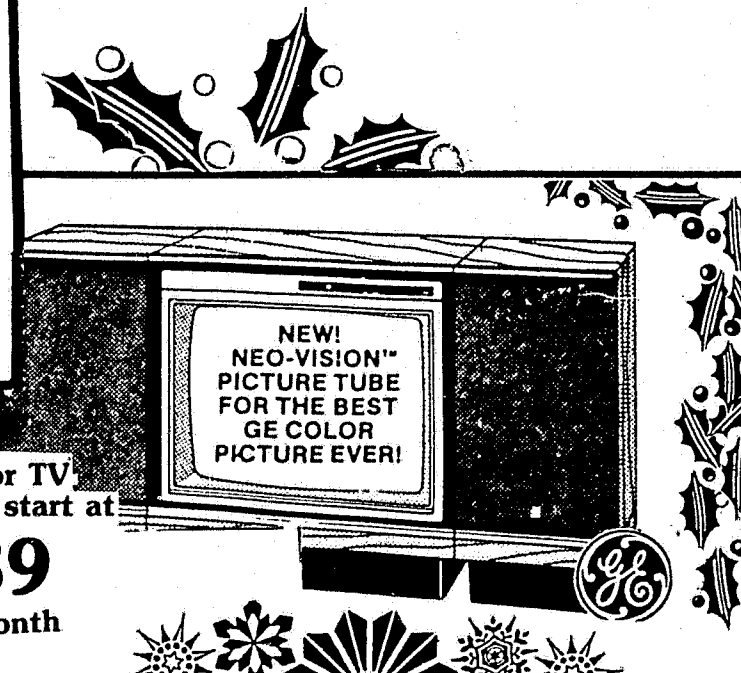


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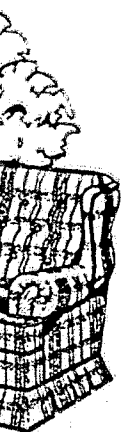
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Notes from Woodstock Historical Society

George Allan England, local Woodstock author, once wrote an account of the modern world destroyed and a man and woman trying to make their way through it. Sound familiar? Here is a passage from "Darkness and Dawn."

"Their own strength, in spite of the long fast and the incredible hardships, held out well. For now that civilization was a thing of the obnoxious past, they shared the vital forces and the very powers of Mother Nature herself."

"Night found them utterly exhausted and soaked to the marrow, yet alive, stretched out at full length, inert, upon the warm sands of a virgin beach. There they lay, supine, above high tide, whither they had dragged themselves with terrible exertion. And the stars wheeled overhead; and down upon them the strange-featured moon wended with her pallid gleam."

"Fireless, foodless and without shelter, unprotected in every way, possessing nothing now save just their own bodies and the dragged garments that they wore, they lay and slept. In their supreme exhaustion they risked attack from wild beasts and from anthropoids. Sleep to them was now the one vital, inevitable necessity."

This book was published in 1914, long before the atomic age.

Eva B. Twitchell and Olive Davis recently watched the historical society table at the Universalist Church sale. Congratulations to Gould Academy on its upcoming sesquicentennial. The event is a historic occasion.

WEST BETHEL

Children's Center

The children have been "capturing" the Christmas spirit at the Center by focusing on each individual's family and uniqueness. Children have brought in photos of their families, drawn family pictures, and sung family songs. They have also heard many good books about a variety of family situations and have participated in discussions about families.

The children have also embraced the winter season by cutting out beautiful colored tissue paper snowflakes. They have added greenery and bows to the window boxes and have made tree decorations in anticipation of Santa's visit this Friday.

Children's focus this week will be on the Christmas holiday itself. The staff will focus on the non-commercial aspect and try to enhance the feelings of sharing, giving, and love for mankind.

Again many thanks and appreciation to recent parent volunteers Lillian Brooks, Kathy Sweetser, Debbie Perry, Donna DiBenedetto. Also drivers Nancy Howe, Jim and Jane Chandler, Monica Mann and Debbie Perry.

Center Menu for Dec. 23-27:

Monday: Breakfast—Milk, raisin bran, orange juice, muffins; Lunch—Milk, peanut butter and jelly on whole wheat bread, raw vegetables with cheese dip, apple slices.

Tuesday: Breakfast—Milk, cheese on whole wheat toast, pear slices, mixed nuts; Center closes at noon.

Wednesday: Center closed for Christmas.

Thursday: Breakfast—Milk, cinnamon toast, cheese chunks, pineapple chunks; Lunch—Milk, stir fried vegetable with chicken, brown rice, winter squash, strawberries.

Friday: Breakfast—Milk, cold cereal, bananas, orange-pineapple juice; Lunch—Milk, egg salad on whole wheat bread, tomato slices, steamed carrots, fruit salad.

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Christine Ann Caton and Gregory Karl White were united in marriage on Aug. 17 during a sunset on the lawn of The Union Congregational Church, Ashland, with the bride's father, Rev. Thomas L. Caton, officiating.

The couple's parents are the Rev. and Mrs. Thomas L. Caton, Ashland, and Mr. and Mrs. Peter White, Easton.

The bride, given in marriage by her father and mother, wore a white eyelet lace gown featuring a Queen Anne neckline trimmed in venise lace. The short, puffed sleeves were accented with satin bows. The bodice, fitted at the waist, had an attached A-line skirt trimmed with layers of befful eyelet lace and flowed to a chapel length train. Her headpiece was a floral wreath with a fingertip illusion net veil made by her mother. The bride carried a nosegay bouquet made with white silk rosebuds, pale beach rosebuds, stephanotis, angel lace and Boston fern with white satin picot streamers, made by her mother.

Eva Caton was her sister's maid of honor. She wore a peach voile off-the-shoulder full-length gown with a super-full, triple-ruffle skirt trimmed with satin ribbon. She carried apricot roses with baby's breath and Boston fern with peach satin picot streamers. Her headpiece was a baby's breath and peach rosebuds.

The bridesmaids included: Mojdeh Mahloogi, Plainsboro, N.J., sister of the bride; Holly Foster, Pocatello, Idaho; and Vickie Shannon, Sandy, Utah. The junior bridesmaid was Cynthia Gargano, Hingham, Mass., cousin of the bride. Their dresses, headpieces, and flowers were identical to the maid of honors.

The flower girl was Pamela White, Presque Isle, niece of the bridegroom. She wore a dress identical to the bridesmaids and carried a basket of peach and white rosebuds with baby's breath and Boston fern with satin ribbon. The bridegroom wore a gray tuxedo. The best man was Greg Day, Hutton.

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TWO SERVICES AT CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH ON CHRISTMAS EVE

As is previous years, two worship services will be held on Christmas Eve at the West Parish Congregational Church in Bethel.

Families are encouraged to attend the 7 p.m. service of readings and carols as part of their celebration of this special event. At the 11 p.m. service, Holy Communion will be celebrated.

All visitors and people of the Bethel community are invited to either of these services. "O come, let us adore him."

Holiday spirit abounds at senior citizens Christmas Party

The spirit of the holiday season was very much in evidence as 89 Bethel senior citizens enjoyed a delightful Christmas party at Bethel Inn Wednesday, Dec. 11, at 5 p.m.

Following a delicious turkey dinner gifts were presented to Peggy Coolidge and Agnes Haines who are retiring from long dedicated terms on the Sunshine Committee.

Santa Claus and helpers distributed gifts from the club as well as from the tree.

Birthdays celebrated with a beautiful cake were Ruth Dorian who became 92, Harold Powell, Diane Saunders, Edie Rowe, Ernest Perkins, Floribel Haines, Sarah Stevens, Julia Brown, and Helen Martin.

Muriel Faudi offered a special Christmas blessing and all business was deferred.

Three groups of girls from the Children's Dance Theater entertained, as well as a solo interpretive dance by Kristen Powell. The youngest group consisted of Phoebe Brown, Kris Carson, Jaime Grover, Jennie S. Howe, Martha Glover, Heather Gibbs, Monica Rolfe, Katie Chapman, and Shanna Walker.

A ballet with Cheri Myers, Naomi Fox, Patrice Nielsen, Briana Wilson, Amy Howe, Leah Bonnera, Jamie Lapham, Meredith Wight, Beth Craig.

The teen group, who performed last, consisted of Kristen Powell, Dawn Davis, Heather Roberts, de Shea Foster, Sarah Wight, Rebecca Hanscom, Martha Newell and Emily Danforth, Jan Bennett also danced and assisted Sue Farrar with a very well-received program.

The Congregational Church bell choir made their initial public debut and presented a program of Christmas music with the promise of a great future under the direction of Mary Valentine. Seventeen members participated.

President Irene Pike introduced the program, presented gifts and announced that the Rotary Club would be providing Christmas dinner on Tuesday, Dec. 17 at the Legion Hall on Vernon Street.

The next meeting of the Bethel Senior Citizens will be held on Jan. 8 at the Methodist Church.

CARD OF THANKS

My sincere thanks to my family and many friends for the loving care I have received. For the flowers, gifts, plants, food and cards and notes of cheer that have brightened my days while I have been a patient in the hospital during the past three months. All is much appreciated. May you all have very happy holidays.

Ruth Tyler

CHURCH NEWS

Locke Mills Union Church
Silver Leaman, Interim Pastor
Margaret Ring & Arnold Jordan
Co-Head Trustees

Mrs. Richard Melville
Organist and Choir Director
Bruce Swan
Sunday School Superintendent
Sunday: 9:00 a.m., Worship
10:30 a.m., Sunday School (October-May)
Wednesday: 6:30 p.m., TOPS
Second Wednesdays: Trustees, 7:30 p.m.
Third Wednesdays: Ladies' Circle 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday: 6:30 p.m., Choir practice at the home of Beverly Melville.

Pleasant Valley Bible Church
Flat Road, West Bethel
Rev. Larry Bresnahan, Pastor
836-2828

Sunday: 9 a.m. Ages 3 to adult.
Morning worship, 10 a.m. Babysitting for children through age 5. Guest speaker each week.
Wednesday: 6 p.m.
Prayer & Bible Study, 7 p.m.
Those needing information or rides to church activities, please call Maureen at 824-2945.

Newry Community Church
Newry, Maine
Rodney Hanscom, Pastor
Nancy Hanscom, Organist
Sunday Morning Worship, 9:00 a.m. with special service for children.

Bryant Pond Baptist Church
Linwood Hanson, Pastor
Sunday: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
6:00 p.m. Evening Service
Wednesday: 7 p.m. Prayer Meeting
Thursday: Awana Clubs: K-G, 2, 2:30-4:00; Gr. 3-12, 6:00-8:00.

First Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Andover
Rev. E. Marquette Churchill
Phone: Church 392-4678; Parsonage 392-3081
Organist and Choir Director, Linda B. Dyer
Sunday School Superintendents
Margaret Richardson and Sonja Flanders
Sunday: 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
Sunday: 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
Ladies Aid - Every other Tuesday at noon, C.E.B.
Friday: Adult choir practice, 7 p.m.

Calvary Congregational Church
Route 5, Andover, Maine
Donald Grover, Pastor
Mrs. Edna White, Pianist
Helen Grover, Choir Director
Marjorie Stinson
Sunday School Superintendent

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.
Evening Service, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: 7 p.m. Bible Study at the church.
Prayer and Praise, 7:30 at the church.
Choir Rehearsal, 8:30.

Rumford Area Bible Speaks
Pastor Bob Colby
Route 222, Rumford Corner
369-9373

Sunday: 10 a.m. Sunday School
10 a.m. Worship Service
8 p.m. Evening Service
Tuesday: 10 a.m. Women's Bible Study at Pastor Knight's home.
Wednesday: 6 p.m. Fellowship supper at the church; 7 p.m. Evening Service
Friday: 7 p.m. Video Bible Institute classes at church.

Bolster's Mills
United Methodist Church
David W. Helms, Pastor
Family Worship, 10:00 a.m.
Church School, 10:00 a.m.

South Waterford
United Methodist Church
David W. Helms, Pastor
Family Worship, 9:30 a.m.

OXFORD COUNTY UNITED PARISH
Rev. Nancy Taylor
East Stoneham
Congregational Church
9:00 a.m. Worship Service
North Waterford
Congregational Church
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Bethel United Methodist Church
Rev. Guy R. Downing, Pastor
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Administrative Board Chairman,
Richard Stevens
Christian Education Chairperson,
Sally Downing

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9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
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West Parish Congregational
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Church St., Bethel
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Miss Mary Valentine, Minister of Music

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Wednesday: Youth Fellowship, 5:30 p.m.
Thursday: Pilgrim Fellowship, 5:30 p.m.; Choir, 5:30 p.m.
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Bethel Gospel Center
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D.N. Larson, Pastor

Sunday: 9 a.m. 13 year olds through adults.
Sunday School, 9 a.m.
Morning Worship, 10 a.m.
Evening Service, 6 p.m.
Wednesday: 7 p.m.
Prayer and Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Bethel Church of the Nazarene
Church Street
Rev. R. Elwood Negley
Tel. 824-2565

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. (for all ages including adults), 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m.
Evening Service, 6 p.m.
Wednesday: 7 p.m., at Murphy's.
For information or transportation to any service call 836-3536.

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Bryant Pond
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Sunday, Dec. 22: Subject - Is the Universe, including Man, Evolved by Atomic Force? Golden Text: Isaiah 9:2: The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.

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Wednesday: Evening Service, 7:30 p.m. includes testimonies of healing.

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Rev. Donald R. Proulx
Saturday, 4:30 Anticipated Mass

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This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. Our readers are informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis.

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Miscellaneous

RINSEVAC carpet cleaner, rug shampooers, sewer snakes, sump pumps, space heaters, at Brooks Bros., Inc., Main St., Bethel, 824-2158. 13p

AA BIG BOOK MEETING (closed), Sunday, 6:30 p.m. Community Room, Bethel Fire Station. 3p

AL-ANON, Wednesday, 8 p.m., Telstar Regional High School. 28p

WANT TO TALK? If you have a problem, or just need to talk, HELPLINE's trained staff is ready to listen. Oxford County HELPLINE can help you! 1-800-822-8255. 11p

AA Meets Wednesday, 8 p.m., at Telstar Regional High School. 21p

BENNETT'S UPHOLSTERY: Home and office furniture, antique and modern. Call for free estimates, quality workmanship at very reasonable prices. 824-2336. 15p

GUARANTEED FRAME REPAIR, floor pan patching, if we can fix it, it will last the life of your car. Come in for an estimate, Rt. 219 Garage Auto Sales, West Paris, Maine. Tel. 674-5221. 46p

GLASS REPLACEMENT: Auto Glass—Comb. Windows—Sales and Repairs. Twin Town Glass, 45 Main St., Norway, Maine. Tel. 743-6478. 13p

OLSON'S GENERAL REPAIR: Welding—Car Repair—Snowmachine parts, new and used. Call after 5. 824-2370. 12-15p

Help Wanted

WAITRESS NEEDED at Only Place Restaurant, 836-3663. 51p

CLEANING PERSON NEEDED Friday thru Monday, 2 or 3 hours each day. Call D.V. McKenney, 824-3232. Ask for Betsy. 51

WANTED: Part-time helper in meat department and deli for supermarket in Locke Mills with potential to full-time. Experience preferred, but not necessary. For interview, call 875-3684. Also needed, part-time cashier. 51

WAITERS, WAITRESSES, and DISHWASHERS. Full and part-time work. We should talk to you. Sunday River Ski Resort, Bethel, 824-2101. 51-52

EASY ASSEMBLY WORK! \$600.00 per 100. Guaranteed Payment. No Experience/No Sales. Details sent self-addressed stamped envelope: ELAN VITAL—5937 3418 Enterprise Rd., Ft. Pierce, FL 34982. 51-1p

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1986 Toyota w/plow. SAVE \$1,000

1985 Isuzu Trooper II, 21,000 miles (Japanese Blazer). \$9,495

1984 Ford 1/2 ton, 35,000 mi. \$6,595

1984 AMC Eagle, 4 dr., 6 cyl., 4 sp., P/S, P/B, tilt, and air. \$6,495

1983 GMC 1/2 ton, 4x4, 305 V8, 4 sp., P/S, 32,000 miles. \$6,995

1983 Toyota 1/2 ton 4 sp. auto., P/S, 28,000 mi. Was \$5,195. \$4,895

CARS

1985 Dodge Colt DL 2 dr., 13,000 miles. MINT \$5,495

1984 VW Rabbit diesel, only 7,000 miles. NEW \$5,295

1984 Dodge Colt Vista S/W, 7 pass., 24,000 miles. Scarce model. \$6,895

1984 Honda Accord LX, loaded. \$7,995

1983 Ford LTD 4 dr., loaded, 37,000 miles. \$5,195

1983 Nissan Sentra S/W, 34,000 miles, real nice. \$4,895

1982 Mercury Cougar, 4 dr., 6, auto., P/S, 38,000 miles. \$3,895

1982 Plymouth Gran Fury, 4 dr., 6, auto., P/S, stereo, clean. \$3,795

1981 Olds Omega, 4 dr., one owner, 29,000 miles, A-1. \$3,595

1980 Ford Fairmont, 4 dr., auto., 27,000 miles. \$2,695

1980 Buick Skylark, 4 dr., auto., P/S, 62,000 miles. \$2,495

1980 Chev. Citation, 4 dr., V8, auto., P/S, air, 58,000 mi. \$2,395

1980 VW Rabbit, 4 dr., 5 sp., 57,000 miles. Best model. \$2,295

1979 Chev. Malibu, 4 dr., 305, auto., P/S. \$1,395

1976 AMC Pacer, 6, auto., P/S, 81,000 miles. \$895

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NEW 1986 Chev 1/2 Ton, 4x4, black, 305, auto., P/S. Save a bunch.

1985 Dodge Ramcharger 4x4, 318, 4 spd, 23,000 mi.

1985 Mazda GLC, 4 dr., 5 spd., AM/FM stereo, sunroof, 20,000 mi.

1984 Toyota Corolla, 4 dr., 5 spd., P/S, P/B, AM/FM stereo, diesel engine, 50 mpg, 24,000 mi.

1984 AMC Eagle 4x4 wagon, 21,000 mi. LIKE NEW (only cheaper).

1984 Jeep Cherokee 4x4, 4 dr., 5 spd., 215 litre, 4 cyl., P/S, Pioneer package, 19,500 mi.

1983 1/2 Nissan Kingcab, 4x4, 5 spd., P/S, P/B, AM/FM stereo, roll bar, tonneau cover, 42,000 mi.

1983 Honda Civic 4 dr., A/T, P/S, P/B, 29,000 mi., 40 mpg.

1983 Chevrolet C-10 Van, 6 cyl., std., P/S, P/B, AM/FM stereo, customized interior, 27,000 mi.

1983 Oldsmobile Cutlass station wagon, 6 cyl., A/T, P/S, P/B, 47,000 mi.

1983 Nissan Kingcab diesel, 5 spd., P/B, AM/FM stereo, factory sunroof.

1980 Dodge Diplomat, 4 dr., slant 6, auto., P/S, LIKE NEW, 42,000 mi.

1982 Nissan Kingcab 4x4, 5 spd., P/S, P/B, AM/FM stereo, 42,000 miles, black in color.

1979 Dodge W150 4x4, 318 auto., P/S, 41,000 mi.

1975 Ford F-250 Camper Special, 36,000 miles, V8, A/T, P/S, P/B, X-TRA NICE.

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Free skiing for Newry youngsters at skiway

Sunday River Ski Resort, in conjunction with the Newry Recreation Committee, will provide free equipment and lift tickets to Newry youngsters, ages seven through high school seniors.

The skiway will donate skis, boots, poles and lift tickets, and will provide free lessons. Newry youngsters should report to the office at South Ridge Base Line Dec. 25, at 8 a.m. to pick up their equipment. Lessons will begin that morning at 8 a.m., and again on Dec. 26 and 27.

At the end of the ski season, all equipment will be turned over to the Recreation Committee and housed in the town hall for use the following year.

For further information, call Sylvia Wight, at 824-2262, or Steve Wight, at 824-2410.

Magalloway

By ALICE HARVEY

Clifford Glover, Sharon Mann and her mother, Maggie, were overnights recently with friends on Chabague Island.

Robert Glover, Martha Mullins, Bobby Anderson, Liz Glover, and Barbara Anderson were in Manchester, N.H., on Saturday for shopping.

Barbara Linkenback and daughter Cory were in Lewiston on Tuesday.

The five sisters, Alice Harvey, Magalloway; Marie Cooper, Littleton; Sylvia Mercer, Rumford Center; Lorraine Holman, Dixfield, and Karen Clobosey, Rum ford, held their Christmas party at Alice's home on Saturday. They enjoyed a sit-down dinner. There was an exchange of gifts after which games were played ending with the singing of Christmas carols.

The ladies met at the hall on Tuesday with a good attendance. Plans were discussed for their annual Christmas party.

NOTICE

To: All Active Members of the Maine State Retirement System

As of January 1, 1986, the rate of interest accrued on member contributions in the Maine State Retirement System will be 8.0 per cent. This will be the regular rate of interest as defined in 5 M.R.S.A., Section 1061.

As of January 1, 1986, the interest rate charged on repayments to the Maine State Retirement System will be 11.0 per cent per annum compounded monthly. The 11.0 per cent rate of interest will be applied to all outstanding balances as of January 1, 1986 forward, with the following exceptions:

1. All members of the Maine State Retirement System who commenced repayments for the repurchase of creditable service prior to July 1, 1957 shall pay no interest pursuant to an action of the Board dated June 14, 1957.

2. All members of the Maine State Retirement System who commenced repayments for the repurchase of creditable service to the System prior to July 1, 1970 shall continue to accrue interest at 3 percent on the outstanding balance to be repaid pursuant to the action of the Board of Trustees dated February 12, 1970.

3. All members of the Maine State Retirement System who started periodic payments and have continued such payments for the repurchase of creditable service prior to January 1, 1976, will continue to pay interest at the "regular interest thereon" pursuant to Section 68 of Chapter 622, PL 1975. The regular interest as of January 1, 1986 is 8.0 percent.

4. All members of the Maine State Retirement System who began regularly scheduled payments before January 1, 1976 and have continued such payments for the purchase of military service are exempted from interest payments as provided under Section 66, Chapter 622, PL 1975.

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J. THEODORE (TED) GALLANT

Jean Theodore (Ted) Gallant of Bethel died Thursday, Dec. 12, 1985, at the Ledgeview Memorial Home, West Paris, where he had been a patient for one week.

He was born on Sept. 2, 1894, at Wellington, Prince Edward Island, Canada, the son of Joseph and Marie Arsenault Gallant. He came to the United States at the age of 16 and worked as a woodsman for Paul Thurston. Mr. Gallant worked at Thurston's Mill until 1944, when he became a caretaker for Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Thurston until his retirement about 20 years ago. On Feb. 12, 1916, he married Persis Robinson, who died in 1971. Mr. Gallant was a resident of Bethel for more than 70 years.

Survivors include one son, Stanley of Bethel; three daughters, Margaret Belanger, Luella Sciaraffa, and Marie Swan, all of Bethel; one sister, Bella Arsenault of Summerside, P.E.I., Canada; two brothers, Alyre of Bridgeport, Conn., and James (Jim) of Ledgeview Memorial Home, West Paris; 10 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at the Greenleaf Funeral Home, Rev. Guy Downing officiating. Burial will be in the spring at Woodland Cemetery, Bethel.

Serving as bearers were: Edward Vigue, Frank Swan, Daniel Cole, Norbert Gallant, Jeff Fleet, and Ernest Angevine.

LEONORA F. KNOWLES

Leonora F. Knowles of Portland, died Wednesday, Dec. 11, 1985, at a Falmouth nursing home after a brief illness.

She was born in Orland, a daughter of Robert A. and Sarah B. Perry Hodgdon, and Bucksport schools. She received a bachelor of arts degree from Bates College in Lewiston in 1919, and a master's degree from Columbia University.

Mrs. Knowles was a modern language teacher in Vermont and New Jersey. She was a member of the New Jersey Retired Teachers Association, the American Association of Retired Persons, the Portland College Club, Alliance Francaise, the Portland and Longfellow Garden Clubs, Pine Tree Society for Crippled Children, and the Woodfords Congregational Church. She was a former member of the West Parish Congregational Church of Bethel and the Orland Methodist Church.

Her husband, Chester R. Knowles, died in 1959.

Mrs. Knowles was a sister of the late Nina Upson, long-time resident on Bethel's Broad Street.

Surviving are a stepson, Chester R. Knowles Jr. of Falmouth, and two stepdaughters, Barbara Merrill of East Sebago, and Nancy Moore of Exeter, N.H.

A memorial service was held Friday afternoon at the Orland Methodist Church. Burial was at the Oak Grove Cemetery, Orland.

FRANK C. MORSE

Frank C. Morse of North Waterford died Sunday, Dec. 15, 1985, at his home.

He was born at North Reading, Mass., May 31, 1901, the son of Charles D. and Susie S. Morse. He was educated in the Norway schools, was employed by Walter Cullinan as a truck driver for 25 years and had worked at Wilner Wood Products, South Paris, for several years. Mr. Morse had lived in North Waterford for the past 21 years, moving from South Paris. He married the former Helen C. Cairns.

Surviving are three sisters, Eva Swan of Auburn, Mary Linscott of Norway, and Grace Durgin of South Paris; two brothers, Everett of South Paris, and Arthur of Oxford; and two step-sons, Gordon F. Cairns of Cape Elizabeth and Walter A., Cairns of North Waterford. A graveside service will be held in the spring at the Pleasant Valley Cemetery, South Paris.

Bethel to be site for AIDS forum

Bethel has been selected as one of eight communities throughout the state to be sites for public forums on AIDS—Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, the killer disease that is spreading fear throughout the world.

Bethel is the smallest town selected as a forum site. The others are Bangor, Portland, Presque Isle, Lewiston, Brunswick, Farmington and Kennebunk. Asked why Bethel was selected rather than nearby larger towns such as Rumford or Norway, organizer Dale McCormick said there was a lot of intellectual curiosity and social concern in the Bethel area.

Ms. McCormick is the leader of the Maine Lesbian-Gay Political Alliance—one of the groups jointly sponsoring the forums. The other co-sponsors are the state Health Bureau, the Maine Public Health Association and the Maine Health Foundation.

Dick Davies, an aide to the governor, announced the forums last week. He said the forums will disseminate information about the disease and how it is spread. The purpose, he said, is "[To] try to assure people that their fears...can be tempered with facts."

The first public forum will be this week in Bangor. The Bethel forum will be Feb. 17 or 18, Mr. Davies said, at a location to be announced later.

AIDS is a breakdown of the body's natural immunity against disease, leaving victims unable to fight off infections that a healthy person would be able to overcome. The mortality rate from AIDS is believed to be 100 percent. While its exact cause (and therefore cure) is not yet known, the largest numbers of victims in this country are homosexual men and intravenous drug abusers.

MARTIN J. MENDOZA

Martin J. Mendoza died Friday, Dec. 6, 1985, in Kansas City, Kan., at the University of Kansas Medical Center. He was 41.

He was born in Kansas City and lived there most of his life, working as a farmer. He also lived in Chicago, New York and Bethel, where he ran a clothing store from 1983 to 1985.

He leaves his mother, Martina Mendoza, of Kansas City. Also two brothers, Henry and Benny, both of Chicago.

Also eight sisters: Mrs. Marguerite Carter, of Kansas City, Mo.; Mrs. Helen Garcia, Mrs. Pauline Guzman, Mrs. Cecilia Riojas, Mrs. Ramona Cornelison, and Cristina Mendoza, all of Kansas City, Kan. Also Mrs. Cruz Vasquez, of Cheyenne, Wyo., and Mrs. Cruz Vasquez, of Chicago.

BORN

In Bangor, Dec. 2, to Mr. and Mrs. Craig Boyd of Brewer (formerly of West Bethel), a son, Samuel Craig.

In Clearwater, Fla., Dec. 13, to Peter and Shirlene Bodwell, formerly of Bethel, a daughter, Mandy Lynn.

MARRIED

In Ashland, Aug. 17, by Rev. Thomas L. Caton, Christine Ann Caton of Ashland and Gregory Karl White of Easton.

DIED

In North Waterford, Dec. 15, Frank C. Morse, aged 84 years.

In West Paris, Dec. 12, Jean Theodore (Ted) Gallant of Bethel, aged 91 years.

In Falmouth, Dec. 11, Leonora F. Knowles of Portland, former resident of Bethel, aged 91 years.

In Kansas City, Kans., Dec. 6, Martin J. Mendoza, former resident of Bethel, aged 41 years.



THIS HARDY GROUP showed up for the lighting of the Bethel Christmas tree on the Common Saturday night, sponsored by the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce. The temperature was 8 degrees and the wind was blowing. The celebrants were: Allison Davis, Mary Clark, Robin Zinchuk and Daniel, Beth and Adam Craig, Jewel Clark and Jason, Tibby York and Santa Claus.

Notes from the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce

The Chamber of Commerce board of directors held their regular weekly meeting yesterday morning at Bethel Furniture Stock. Robin Zinchuk reported that the chamber's Christmas tree lighting in Bethel last Saturday night was poorly attended due to the cold. But Santa was there with his elves to greet the few hardy souls who showed up. The chamber expressed thanks to all those who helped find the tree, set it up, decorate it and wire it.

The chamber-sponsored tree lighting in Bryant Pond is scheduled for Thursday night, and warmer weather is hoped for.

Eric Paul reported that the Christmas decoration judging will take place between 5 and 8 p.m. tonight, Wednesday. Call 824-2282, if you still haven't submitted your residence or place of business as an entry.

The board of directors, in light of the heavy positive feedback from the membership, approved a 1986 budget that provides money for hiring a paid, part-time executive director and renting office space. In order to pay for the increased budget responsibilities, dues will be raised to the level of \$20 for independent members, \$80 for members with fewer than 15 employees, and \$130 for members with more than 15 employees.

The directors attempted to call as many members as possible to solicit opinions before voting on the budget. If you were not contacted and have any questions about the budget, call one of the directors: Rick Whitney, 824-2522; Wende Gray, 824-2187; Bill Riley, 665-2226; Bernie Wideman, 824-2444; Robin Zinchuk, 824-2657; George Stevens, 875-3290; or leave a message on the chamber phone, 824-2282.

Duane Lowe, executive director of the

Winter driving advice

Driving slip-ups can be minimized and resulting smash-ups can be reduced this winter. The Maine State Police urge each motorist to do the following.

• Start slowly. Easy does it; don't rush it; give tires a chance to grip on slippery surfaces.

• Keep your distance. You need a bigger safety margin for emergency stopping in winter.

• Light the way. Low beam headlights may be needed even in daytime during fog or snow.

• Adjust your speed. Varying road, weather and traffic conditions call for varying speeds. Posted limits, safe for summertime driving, may be too high for winter.

• Plan ahead. Slow down well ahead of road junctions. Heavy traffic at intersections packs and polishes snow to a deadly glaze.

• Pump brakes. A series of fairly hard, rapid punches on the brake pedal provides better stopping and steering control.

• See clearly. Remove all ice and snow from all windows before starting out. Be sure windshield wipers and defroster are functioning; carry brush and scraper.

• And, know the temperature. The state police advise that ice at 30 degrees is more slippery than it is at zero degrees.

Oxford Hills Chamber of Commerce, was the guest speaker. He reviewed the work being done by his chamber, as well as their level of membership, dues, advertising strategies, etc. He also expressed an interest in joining forces with the local chamber to develop an advertising piece to benefit the entire western lakes and mountains region. The local chamber will consider the idea.

The next meeting will be Jan. 7, 1986, 7:30 a.m., at Bethel Furniture Stock.

Community Calendar

Thursday, Dec. 19: 6:30 p.m. Supper meeting and Christmas party of Windy Valleys Snowmobile Club, Club Room, Newry.

Tuesday, Dec. 24: Bethel Rotary Club, Sudbury Inn, 12 noon.

Tuesday, Dec. 24, Christmas Eve Services: Pleasant Valley Bible Church, Flat Road, West Bethel, 7 p.m.; West Parish Congregational Church, 7 p.m. and 11 p.m.

REACH — Sexual Abuse Helpline, 743-9777. Serving victims of sexual abuse—past or present. 24 hour service in Oxford County.

Second Saturday of Each Month: Woodstock Historical Society, 7 p.m., Woodstock Elementary School.

First Thursday of Each Month: Bethel Historical Society, Dr. Moses Mason House, 7:30 p.m.

Second Thursday of Each Month: Bethel Lodge #97, AF & AM.

Third Friday of Each Month: Mt. Abram Lodge, IOOF, 7:30 p.m.

Cancer Support Group for patients, family or friends who are coping with a diagnosis of cancer. Second Tuesday — 2:30 p.m.; and Fourth Tuesday — 7:30 p.m. in the Health Education Department at Stephens Memorial Hospital. Martha Farrington, R.N., facilitator — 743-5933, ext. 489.

First Tuesday of each month: 7 p.m., in the Health Education Dept. of Stephens Memorial Hospital. "I Choose Not to Smoke" support group for smokers who have or want to stop smoking. Martha Farrington, R.N., facilitator — 743-5933, ext. 489.

Second and fourth Tuesday of Each Month: Mundt-Allen Post, American Legion, social hour 6:30 p.m.

Reachout brings cheer to Bethel House

Students of Gould Academy's Reachout organization distributed Christmas gifts to residents of the Bethel House while carolling on Friday night, Dec. 13.

Reachout, under the direction of Dr. Marvin Ouwinga, is a group of students who raise funds for a wide variety of local and world wide projects involving aid to the needy and assistance to shut-ins. During the past several years the organization has collected returnable bottles and cans and held auctions, tag days, and car washes to fund donations to CARE, Amnesty International, Famine Relief in Africa, projects in Central America and Mexico, and most recently, to assist the family of Don Lawrence recover from a fire. The group has also invited many of Bethel's senior citizens on campus for meals and musical programs, and has entertained them at home with musical shows.

Friday night's carolling occurred after Gould held its annual Christmas Vespers program in the West Parish Congregational Church. On Saturday students left Bethel for their Christmas vacation and will return on Jan. 5 to start the spring semester of classes.

JACKSON-SILVER POST & UNIT

Eight members of Jackson-Silver Post and Unit #68, American Legion and Auxiliary, enjoyed the testimonial given to Vito DeFilipp, Eastern National Vice Commander of the American Legion, Saturday night at Rumford.

Commander Andrew and President Kathy Bartlett were sent by the Post to honor Vito. Oxford County Commander Charles Mason and his wife, Ruth, Alanson and Fannie Cummings, and Cleveland and Cathryn Lovejoy also attended. They were sorry that Past State Commander John Howe could not be there at the same table with them.

Alanson was honored as one of two World War I veterans in attendance. Fannie was among the Past State Presidents introduced.

Senator George Mitchell was the main speaker. Maine's Past National Commander Bill Rogers, and delegates from New Hampshire, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut, were recognized.

State Adjutant Dan Lambert did his usual fine job as master of ceremonies.

The Post and Unit have each lost a member by death, Harry Poland, Bryant Pond, and Elsie Hinkley of Locke Mills, a sister of Vera Cross. They will be missed.

Many of the older members were saddened by the loss of the "Old School House" Legion Home, that held many happy events, dating back to 1930, when it was moved from Albany. It was where Past Commander Hermon Cummings went to school, as a youngster. Some of the present members grew up attending meetings with their parents.

The members of the Post are sorry that Comrade Al Saunders lost his building and the tools and equipment.

The Unit Publicity Chairman Fannie Cummings was among the guests of the Bethel Citizen at their open house on Dec. 6. It's great to know that the local newspaper is in the hands of such very fine upright people. Jackson-Silver wants to say "thanks" for the space they have given them through the years and say Happy Holidays to them all.

Thursday night the ladies Auxiliary met at Sylvia Dunham's to complete plans to take Christmas gifts to 11 veterans at Ledgeview Memorial Home.

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A Christmas Get-together..

From holiday decorations to the sounds of carols in the air, a warm holiday atmosphere awaits you at The Bethel Inn this Christmas.

Christmas Day Menu:

APPETIZERS:
Apple Juice Fresh Fruit Cup
Cranberry Juice Vegetable Soup
V-8 Juice Cream of Broccoli Soup
* Shrimp Cocktail

ENTREES:

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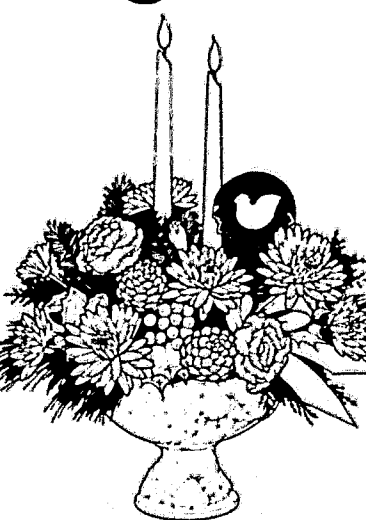
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